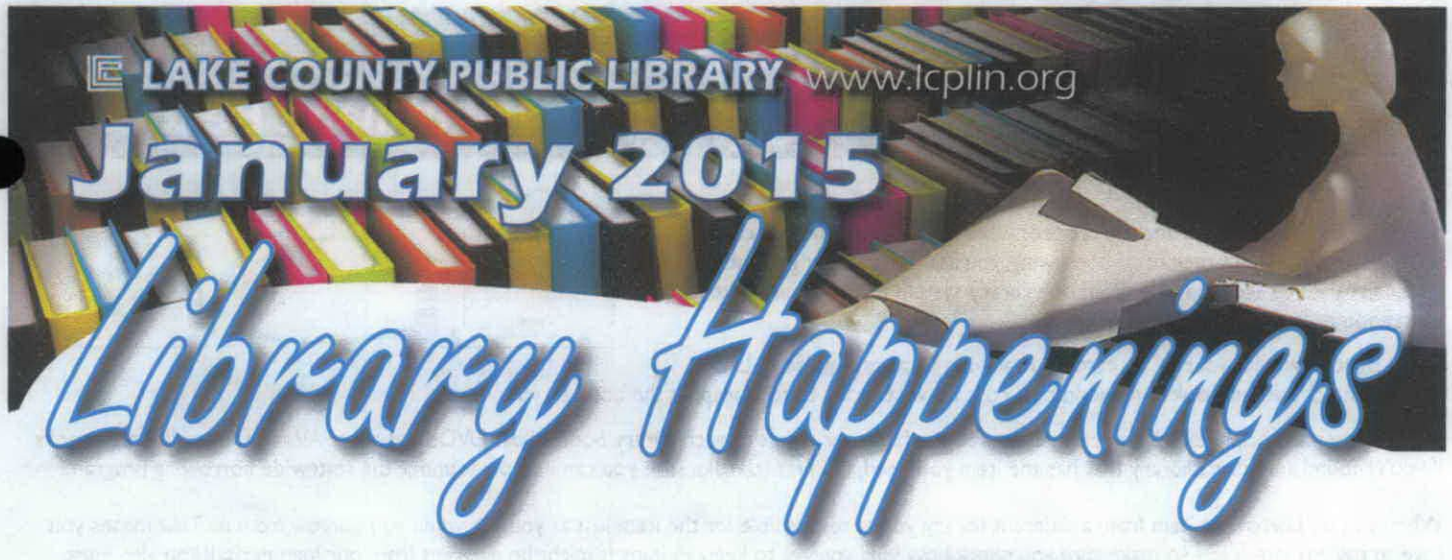

Recommended Reads for 2015

The Fault in Our Stars (2012), *Gone Girl* (2012), and *Divergent* (2011) dominated the Lake County Public Library's reserve lists this past year so readers may have missed some of these best novels of 2014:

Following The Husband's Secret (2013), Liane Moriarty meets high expectations with Big Little Lies, the interwoven story of three mothers and their involvement in a disastrous school trivia night. Moriarty explores emotional issues with depth, compassion, and wicked humor, ing plots together with a clever, readable writing style.

Lies also affect a younger audience in *We Were Liars* by E. Lockhart. Using spare, fragmented sentences and an unreliable narrator to reveal what happened during the summer that fifteen-year-old Cadence suffered a head injury while vacationing with her wealthy, privileged family, Lockhart keeps readers in the dark as the damaged family's tragic tale unfolds toward a stunning ending.

Fans of historical fiction will lose themselves in *All the Light We Cannot See* by Anthony Doerr, a magnificent novel about a blind French girl and a German boy on opposite sides during the occupation of France. Doerr unique, captivating story features truly memorable characters.

Apocalyptic fiction stayed alive in 2014 with Emily St. John Mandel's *Station Eleven*. Shortly after an actor dies on stage during King Lear, virulent flu kills off 99% of the population. The survivors include a wandering Shakespearean troupe, banded together in a makeshift family in an attempt to keep what truly matters alive – art, beauty, and the relationships that sustain us.

For lighter fare, readers may turn to *The Storied Life of A.J. Fikry* by Gabrielle Zevin. Recently widowed, bookstore owner A.J. Fikry feels more despondent every day until the delivery of an unexpected package has the potential to change his life. Zevin's heartwarming story is a good selection for book clubs and fans of feel-good fiction.

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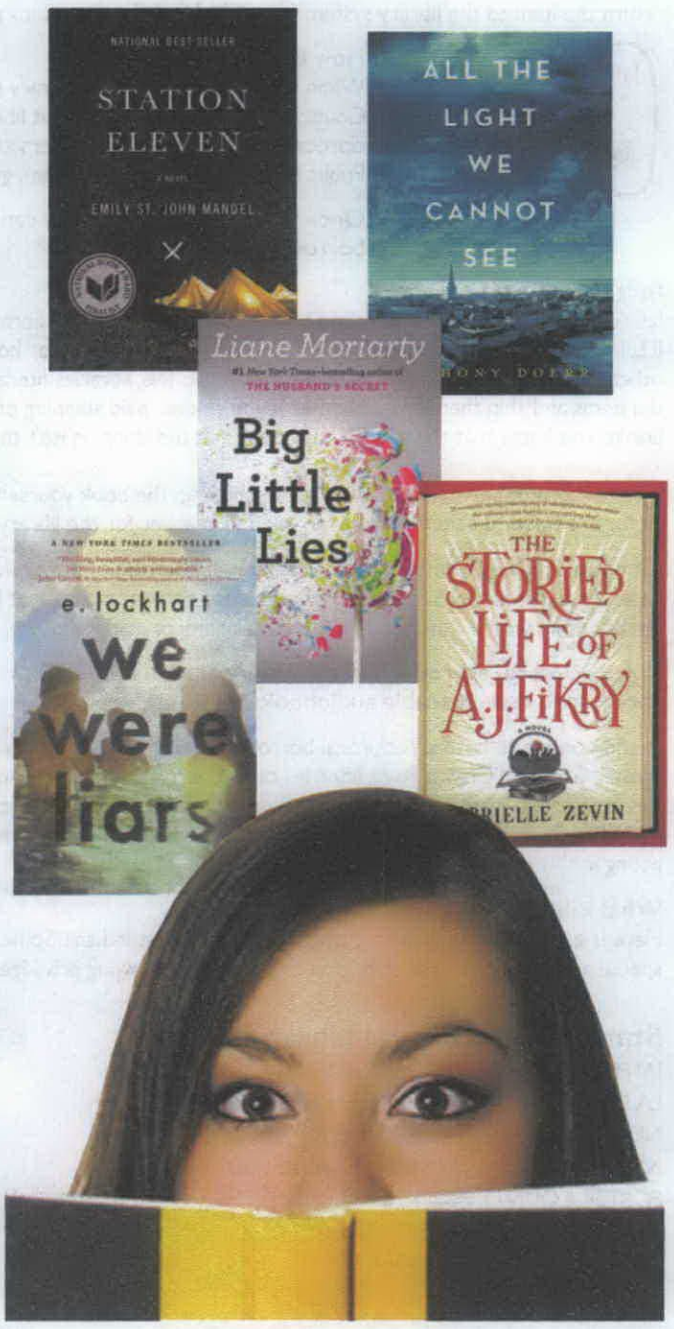

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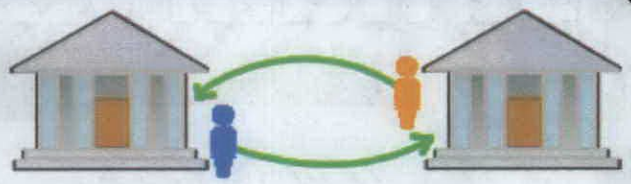
Statewide Borrowing:
Indiana Libraries Working Together for Indiana Readers

What Is It?



Statewide borrowing in Indiana is a reciprocal borrowing program that covers the entire state. What's reciprocal borrowing, you ask? It's an arrangement between libraries to allow patrons from one library system to check out materials from another library system.

That's right: now with your LCPL card, you can visit libraries outside of Lake County and check out books - no additional cost, no waiting for us to transport the book to you.

Which materials reciprocal borrowers are allowed to check out differs at each library. Some allow DVDs and other AV items in addition to books. If you've found an Indiana library that has the item you need, call first to make sure you can borrow it under the statewide borrowing program!

When you do borrow an item from a different library, you're responsible for the item just as you are when you borrow from us. That means you have to pay any late fees - so make sure you check how long you get to keep an item. It might be different from our loan period! You also must return the item to the library system from which you borrowed it - please don't return items from Porter County Public Library to us!

How Do I Get Started?

When you find a participating library that has an item you want to borrow, all you have to do is bring your Lake County Public Library card to that library (to prove you're a member in good standing) and they will issue you a reciprocal card. Reciprocal borrowers are usually given a different card than resident borrowers. Here at Lake County Public Library, reciprocal borrowers get a green card, while resident borrowers get a red one.

Once you have your card, you can check out whatever items that library includes under their reciprocal borrowing agreement.

Isn't This Just ILL?

ILL (or Inter-Library Loan) is a time-honored tradition amongst libraries. Through ILL, libraries are often able to acquire out-of-print or less-popular books from other libraries for a one-time loan. In order to do this, libraries literally box up the items and ship them to each other. If you've ever paid shipping on a lot of books, you know that this can be costly and that the shipping isn't the fastest!

With reciprocal borrowing you can go and pick up the book yourself, exactly when you want it. You don't have to wait for us to process the order or for the book to ship. It's faster for you and cheaper for the library.

Of course, Lake County Public Library will still offer ILL services!
Opening statewide reciprocal borrowing to our patrons means that Lake County Public Library is now also open to patrons of other Indiana libraries. But don't worry - this won't impact availability of materials.

First, reciprocal borrowers at our library are limited to 15 print materials. They don't have access to our electronic resources, like ebooks and downloadable audiobooks.

In addition, we've hosted reciprocal borrowers from other library systems in Lake County for years. Patrons from Hammond, East Chicago, Whiting, Lowell, Gary and Crown Point libraries can all borrow materials from us. While we are opening reciprocal borrowing to the entire state through this agreement, it actually won't expand our area of service that much since we already serve most of the people closest to us. The further away a person lives, the less likely they are to drive out to borrow books: they are more likely to be served by other, closer libraries that are also participating in this program.

What Libraries Can I Use?

Here is a list of participating libraries from Northwest Indiana. Some are accessible through the Statewide Borrowing agreement, while others have special arrangements with LCPL. You can receive borrowing privileges from either category.

Statewide Reciprocal Libraries

JASPER COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY
LA PORTE COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY
NEWTON COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY
NORTH JUDSON-WAYNE TWP PUBLIC LIBRARY
PORTER COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY SYSTEM
PULASKI COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY
WESTCHESTER PUBLIC LIBRARY

Libraries With LCPL Agreements

CROWN POINT COMMUNITY PUBLIC LIBRARY
EAST CHICAGO PUBLIC LIBRARY
GARY PUBLIC LIBRARY
HAMMOND PUBLIC LIBRARY
LOWELL PUBLIC LIBRARY
WHITING PUBLIC LIBRARY

Ask a Librarian

Q: I would like to reserve the book for the upcoming online book discussion. Could I please reserve it for pickup at the Munster branch?

A: We would be happy to send a copy of the coming discussion book to your local branch! We just need your library card number and a current phone number. You can sign up to participate in the discussion by emailing remarks@lcplin.org.

Branch Library Happenings

Cedar Lake Branch

10010 E. 133rd Ave., Cedar Lake, IN 46303
374-7121
www.lcplin.org/branches/cl.htm

Snack & Plan
Monday, January 5 — **4 p.m.**
Teen members of T.A.B., Teen Advisory board, and those wishing to join (11 to 17) will have fun while earning volunteer hours.

Computer Class: Navigating the Net
Monday, January 5 — **6:30 p.m.**
Monday, January 12 — **2 p.m.**
Participants will explore the library's home page and learn about web addresses, links, search engines, and other aspects of the World Wide Web.

Crochet @ Your Library
Monday, January 5 — **7 p.m.**
Learn beginning stitches while working on a simple project. Bring a skein of 100% cotton yarn and size H crochet hook.

Computer Class: Meet the Mouse
Friday, January 9 — **1p.m.**
Saturday, January 17 — **1 p.m.**
Learn the basics of using the computer; practice using the mouse, filling in different types of forms, and using the keyboard.

Computer Class: Make the Most of Library Computers
Friday, January 9 — **2 p.m.**
Saturday, January 17 — **2 p.m.**
Learn basic computer terminology and how to use the word processing program, OpenOffice. Participants must know how to use a mouse.

Memories: Create Your Own Memory Board
Monday, January 12 — **6:30 p.m.**
Put your holiday pictures onto a memory board that you will make. All supplies will be provided.

History on Film
Tuesday, January 13 — **2 p.m.**
This history film takes viewers through the extraordinary life and times of America's civil

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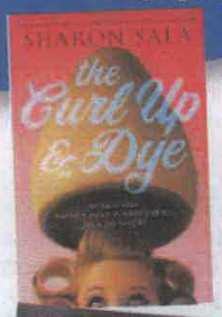
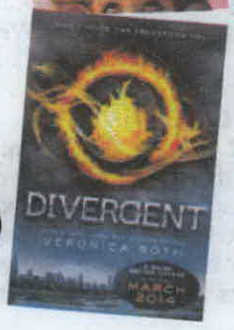
January 1st to 31th Online!





BOOKreMARKS Online

This is a month-long, online book discussion available to anyone, anywhere, at any time of day through email of: *Curl Up & Dye* by Sharon Sala. Filled with Southernisms, humor, small town gossip, romance, meddling and some danger, this is the story of a former homecoming queen, packing on the pounds, working as a pharmacy clerk, who has given up on life...almost.

To join the discussion send an email to remarks@lcplin.org.

Online Book Discussion for Teens

Teens can participate in this month-long, online book discussion available at any time of day from anywhere of the novel: *Divergent* by Veronica Roth. In the future, society is divided into factions and each thinks their virtue is best. Beatrice Prior is all or none of the above, she is Divergent. Join us in discussing this thrilling and daring tale of adventure, rebellion and romance.

To join email teenreads@lcplin.org. Call 219-769-3541 Ext. 335 for more information.

Branch Library Happenings

rights visionary, Martin Luther King, Jr. going beyond the legend to portray the man, the questions, and the myths.

Teen Crafting Mania
Tuesdays, January 13 & 20
or Wednesday, January 14 — 4 p.m.
Teens create art on a t-shirt using paints, pens, tie dye, stencils and more. All materials and snacks provided.

Computer Class: Genealogy Basics
Wednesday, January 14 — 6:30 p.m.
Participants will learn how to use the library's Ancestry Library, Heritage Quest, and ProQuest Obituaries databases. There will be time to do some online research, so be sure to bring your information.

Computer Class: Email Basics
Monday, January 19 — 2 p.m.
Participants will learn the basics of using email, sending and receiving mail, and using attachments.

Books & Chat
Wednesday, January 21 — 6:30 p.m.
Readers will discuss *Turn of Mind* by Alice LaPlante. A brilliant retired surgeon with dementia struggles with fractured memories wondering if she has committed murder.

Computer Class: Pinterest Basics
Friday, January 23 — 1 p.m.
Learn about Pinterest, make your own account, and start pinning from this great site that helps keep and organize the things you find and love.

Snow Fun for All
Monday, January 26 — 6:30 p.m.
In this family story time all will enjoy snow and the cold in the warmth of the library experimenting and crafting with snow and ice, along with stories, songs, and other activities.

Travel the World Without Leaving Home
Tuesday, January 27 — 2 p.m.
Through arm chair travel cruise from Fort Lauderdale to Rio deJaneiro, visiting popular sites along the way.

Teen GameFest
Wednesday, January 29 — 3-5 p.m.
Teens (11-17) play electronic games including *PlayStation and Wii*. Compete in tournaments for prizes. Snacks provided.

Dyer-Schererville Branch

1001 W. Lincoln Hwy., Schererville, IN 46375
322-4731
www.lcplin.org/branches/ds.htm

Personalized Reading Suggestions
January 5-31 — All Day
Whether looking for a good book to read, interested in discovering new genres, or in need of suggestions for your book club, call to schedule an appointment with a reader's adviser and start building your 'to read' list.

Independent Film
Monday, January 5 — 1 p.m.
In Singapore, late 90s, a friendship between the maid and young boy ignites his mother's jealousy, while the Asian recession hits hard. In Mandarin with subtitles, not rated, adults only, run time 100 minutes. *Registration not required.*

Digital Open House
Tuesdays, Jan. 6 & 27
Thursdays, Jan. 15 & 22 — 2 p.m.
Learn how to borrow e-Books, download music, and read popular magazines with your digital device using your library card.

Stamp Class
Tuesday, January 13 — 6 p.m.
With professional assistance participants will work on projects created with stamps, ink and designer paper. There is a $5 fee to cover the cost of materials due at the time of class. Please bring a glue stick.

Teen Advisory Board
Wednesday, January 14 — 6:30 p.m.
Teens (11-18) are welcome to share in a snack and help us think ahead to the summer reading program. *Registration is not required.*

Virtual Tourist
Wednesday, January 21 — 7 p.m.
Journey to the islands of Hawaii as we seek tropical relief from the cold of winter. Registration not required.

Lab Rat Tuesdays
Tuesday, January 27 — 7 p.m.
Teens (11 to 18) will use marshmallows to explore engineering. Eat them, build them, fling them – scientifically, of course.

Between The Lines
Wednesday, January 28 — 7 p.m.
or Thursday, January 29 — 10:15 a.m.
Five women worked in a Phillips 66 gas station during World War II and now Sookie Poole and her mother, the formidable Lenore Simmons Krackenberry, may be forced to reimagine who they are. Join in this discussion of *The All-Girl Filling Station's Last Reunion* by Fannie Flagg. *Registration not required.*

Griffith-Calumet Twshp. Branch

1215 E. 45th Ave., Griffith, IN 46319
838-2825
www.lcplin.org/branches/gr.htm

Saturday Scrappers
Saturday, January 3 — 11 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Join this gathering to chat with other like-minded scrapbooking friends while working on your scrap books.

T.A.B. Meeting
Monday, January 5 — 3:45 p.m.
Calumet Township teens are invited to join the Teen Advisory Board. Plan teen programs, earn volunteer hours, and enjoy snacks.

StoryLovers Book Group
Tuesday, January 6 — 5:30 p.m.
or Wednesday, January 7 — 10:30 a.m.
Join us as we read and discuss Kate Morton's *The Distant Hours*. A letter posted in 1941 reaches its destination in 1992 with powerful repercussions for a London book editor in this romantic thriller.

Thursday Threaders
Thurs., Jan. 8 - 29 — 10:30 a.m. - Noon
Every or any Thursday, bring and work on your own project while enjoying the company of others.

Scrabble Night
Thursday, January 8 — 6 p.m.
Folks of all ages are invited to a fun evening of Scrabble – increase your vocabulary while having a great time.

Downton Abbey Tea Party
Saturday, January 10 — 1 p.m.
The Pleasure of Your Company is Requested for a *Downton Abbey*-inspired Tea Party to celebrate the premiere of Season 5. RSVP required.

Mystery Loves Co. Discussion
Monday, January 12 — 1 p.m.
In Laura Lippman's *I'd Know You Anywhere* Eliza's peaceful suburban life is shattered after she is contacted by the man who kidnapped and held her hostage as a teen in 1985 and now claims to want forgiveness while on death row.

Cool Science Tricks & Experiments
Wednesday, January 14 3:45 p.m.
Teens (6th to 12th grades) will have fun learning the craziness of science by doing fun experiments.

Gardening Class: Roses
Monday, January 19 7 p.m.
Just in time for Valentine's Day gift-giving, Master Gardener Susan Radovich will help us learn the history and symbolism of this ever-popular flower.

Ask Us!
Tuesday, January 20 2:30 p.m & 6 p.m.
Need help or have questions about downloading materials to your laptop or portable devices? Stop in and we'll be glad to help you out.

Movie Wednesday
Wednesday, January 21 2 p.m.
Enjoy the untold story of Disney's most iconic villain in this wickedly fun twist on the classic Sleeping Beauty. Starring Angelinia Jolie; run time 98 minutes; rated PG.

Graphic Novel Book Club
Thursday, January 22 5:30 p.m.
Teen fans of graphic novels are welcome to join in the discussion of *Alice in the Country of Clover: Cheshire Cat Waltz* by Rose Quinn.

Teen Knitting Group
Saturday, January 24 11 a.m.
Teens will get tips to get started knitting to make a comfy scarf. Please bring size 13 knitting needles and yarn. Hot cocoa and cookies will be served.

Book Buddies
Monday, January 26 4 p.m.
Read and discuss *The Kitchen House* by Kathleen Grisson, a gripping novel that brings to life dark secrets that threaten to bring out the best and worst in everyone tied to a thriving pre-Civil War Virginia plantation.

Moon Called Book Discussion
Monday, January 26 6:30 p.m.
In Marked by P. C. Cast, sixteen year old Zoe is marked as a fledgling vampire & must train at the 'House of Night' to become an adult vampire, that is, if she makes the 'Change.'

Teen Movie & Popcorn
Saturday, January 31 1 p.m.
Teens will enjoy the story of a vengeful fairy driven to curse an infant princess, only to discover the child may be the one person who can restore peace to their troubled land. Rated PG, runtime 97 minutes. Popcorn provided.

Highland Branch

2841 Jewett St., Highland, IN 46322
838-2394
www.lcplin.org/branches/hi.htm

History on Film
Monday, January 5 2 p.m. & 6:30 p.m.
This is the dramatization of the 1906 typhoid fever outbreak that profiles Irish cook Mary Mallon who became known as 'Typhoid Mary,' at that time the most dangerous woman in America. *Registration is not required.*

Knot As We Seam
Tuesday, January 6 2 p.m.
Adult and teen fans of knitting, quilting or crocheting, learn to needle felt with wool. Beginners welcome. *Registration is not required.*

Teen Book Discussion
Wednesday, January 7 3:45 p.m.
Cinder by Marissa Meyer is a futuristic twist on the classic Cinderella, replacing the mice and glass slipper with snarky androids and mechanical feet. *Registration is not required.*

Pokemon Trading Card Game Night for Teens
Monday, January 12 6 p.m.
Prove who is the best Trainer by sending your Pokemon into battle! Open to experienced players and those interested in learning the game (11-17), but you must bring your own deck to play. *Registration is not required.*

Fiction Book Discussion
Tuesday, January 13 2 p.m.
Crooked Letter, Crooked Letter by Tom Franklin is a meandering tale of an unlikely friendship marred by crime and racial strain in small town of Mississippi. *Registration is not required.*

Teen Anime Club
Tuesday, January 13 6 p.m.
In this month's popular anime series (rated TV-13) Sakura Kinomoto's life is changed forever when she is chosen to be the master of the Clow Cards. *Registration is not required.*

Highland Crime Watch Meeting
Wednesday, January 14 6:30 p.m.
This bi-monthly Community Crime Watch meeting is conducted by Corporal Shawn Anderson (sanderson@highland.in.gov) and Officer Brandon Norris (bnorris@highland.in.gov). *Registration is not required.*

Inspirational Book Discussion
Thursday, January 15 2 p.m.
This romantic suspense and historical fiction, *Butterfly Palace* by Colleen Coble is a story about the importance of having faith, especially in your darkest hour.

Travel Film
Monday, January 19 2 p.m. & 6:30 p.m.
Canada's largest city, Toronto, lies on the shore of Lake Ontario, is a citadel of modern architecture, with 11 kilometers of walking tunnels and 1,200 quaint shops. *Registration is not required.*

Teen Advisory Board
Wednesday, January 21 3:45 p.m.
Snacks will be served and plans will be made by teens for upcoming projects. *Registration is not required.*

Stamp Camp
Wednesday, January 21 6:30 p.m.
With professional assistance, design and complete customized greeting cards and more. There is a $5 fee to cover the cost of materials provided due at the time of class.

Once Upon A Crime
Thursday, January 22 7 p.m.
Crusader's Cross by James Lee Burke is a throbbing, many layered novel that involves arrogant, wealthy family that can trace its lineage back to 5th century France, as well as the machinations of the New Orleans mafia. *Registration is not required.*

Classic/Feature Film
Monday, January 26 2 p.m. & 6 p.m.
When a chill chef gets wind of a culinary immigrant opening an Indian restaurant just 100 feet from hers, her icy protests escalate to all-out war between the two establishments. Starring Helen Murren, rated PG-13, 122 minutes run time.

Magic, The Gathering Night
Wednesday, January 28 3:45 p.m.
Teens - bring your cards and pit your wits against other Magic players. Open to those intereted in learning the game (11-17), but you must bring your own deck to play. *Registration is not required.*

Hobart Branch

100 N. Main St., Hobart, IN 46342
942-2243
www.lcplin.org/branches/ho.htm

Adult Learning Classes
Mon. & Wed., Jan. 5-26 Noon-4 p.m. or 4-8 p.m.
Tues. & Thurs. Jan. 6-29 Noon-4 p.m.
Attend classes to prepare for your G.E.D., adult basic education, or English as a second language. Registration is required by calling Lynn Pergher of the Hobart Learning Center at 942-2243, ext. 672.

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Branch Library Happenings

Travel to Ireland
Tuesday, January 6 2 p.m.
The Emerald Isle's green grasses are full of mystical stone buildings, Celtic monuments, medieval forts, and monasteries.

Classic Movie Series
Tuesday, January 13 2 p.m.
A compassionate young man, raised in an orphanage and trained to be a doctor, decides to leave to see the world. Rated PG-13; 126 minutes run time.

Crochet @ Your Library
Wednesday, January 14 6:30 p.m.
Learn beginning stitches while working on a simple project. Bring a skein of yarn and a size H crochet hook.

Teen Advisory Board Meeting
Monday, January 19 3 p.m.
Teens and 'tweens (agers 12 to 17) are invited to plan future programs, talk about books, and earn volunteer hours. Snacks served.

Contemporary Book Club
Tuesday, January 20 3 p.m.
In Cinnamon and Gun Powder by Eli Brown, a renowned chef, kidnapped by a beautiful but ruthless pirate, hopes to keep himself alive with his cooking skills in this tale of love and appetite.

Found on Pinterest
Tuesday, January 20 1 p.m.
Make a winter project found on Pinterest. All supplies will be provided.

Registration for Adult Learning Classes
Thursday, January 22 4-7 p.m.
Register to attend upcoming classes to prepare for your G.E.D., adult basic education, or English as a second language provided by the Hobart Learning Center, by calling Ext. 672.

Sit & Stitch
Tuesday, January 27 1 p.m.
Bring your current handicraft project and work on it in the library – no rules, just fun! Drop in for as long as you like and leave when you must.

Lake Station-New Chicago

2007 Central Avenue, Lake Station, IN 46405
962-2409
www.lcplin.org/branches/lsnc.htm

Saturday Matinee
Saturday, January 3 2 p.m.
A group of space criminals must work together to stop the fanatical villain Ronan the Accuser from destroying the galaxy. Rated PG-13, run time 121 minutes. Refreshments served. *Registration not required.*

English as a Second Language
Mondays, January 5, 12, 26
Wednesdays, Jan. 7, 14, 21, 28 4-8 p.m.
Neighbors' Educational Opportunities (NEO) offers English language classes for those learning English as their second language. To register call (219) 850-4448 or visit NEO's website at www.neoadulted.org.

Book Chat
Thursday, January 8 10 a.m.
The servants of the Bennet estate manage their own set of dramas in this vivid re-imagining of Jane Austen's *Pride & Prejudice*. Check out *Longbourn* by Jo Baker – read it, have an opinion, eat snacks!

Family Nutrition Program
Friday, January 9 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Belinda Stepnowski, Family Nutrition Adviser from Purdue Cooperative Extension Service, will discuss a variety of food and nutrition topics to adults and children. She will show participants how to prepare quick, tasty, and healthy low-cost meals.

Coffee, Donuts & a Movie
Wednesday, January 14 10:30 a.m.
A race car driver (Elvis Presley) falls for a swimming instructor (Ann Margaret) who wants him to slow down his career. Run time 85 minutes.

Movie Wednesday
Wednesday, January 14 2 p.m.
Author P. L. Travers (Emma Thompson) reflects on her childhood after meeting with Walt Disney (Tom Hanks) who wants to adapt her Mary Poppins book for the big screen. Refreshments served. Run time 126 minutes; rated PG. *Registration not required.*

Talk to a Lawyer
Monday, January 19 10 a.m. - 6:30 p.m.
To honor Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday, the local Bar Association is offering free legal consults. Lawyers are available for brief (10 to 15 minutes), free, walk-in consultation on a first-come first-served basis.

Teen Gaming
Tuesday, January 20 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.
Teens and 'tweens (grade 4 and up) are invited to play video games on the *Wii*, or play board games. Snacks provided. *Registration is not required.*

Merrillville Branch

1919 W. 81st Ave., Merrillville, IN 46410
769-3541
www.lcplin.org/branches/cnl.htm

Northwest Indiana Butterfly Club
Thursday, January 8 10 a.m.
Observe and learn about gardening, rearing, conservation, and photography for butterflies. Meetings are held the 2nd Thursday of each month and everyone is welcome. For more information contact Dian Fruth at dfruth@comcast.net

Circle of Readers Book Discussion
Thursday, January 8 6 p.m.
Readers will discuss *Cocktail Under the Tree of Forgetfulness* by Alexander Fuller, an intimate exploration of the author's parents and the price of being obsessed by Africa's uncompromising, fertile, death-dealing land. *Registration is not required.* Ext. 364

Movie Time
Saturday, January 10 1 p.m.
Enjoying popcorn and beverages viewers will explore the untold story of an iconic villain from a classic story and the elements of her betrayal that ultimately turn her pure heart to stone. Rated PG, run time 97 minutes. Ext. 338

English as a Second Language
Mon. & Wed., Jan. 12 - 28 6 p.m.
Classes are provided free of charge for those learning English which includes speaking, reading, and writing at different levels of instruction. Contact the Literacy Coordinator, Rosella Garcia at Ext. 336.

Ask Me About Genealogy
Thursday, January 15 1 p.m.
In this class participants, with research assistance provided by library staff, will find local history resources including obituary indexes, yearbooks, cemetery indexes, genealogy databases and much more in the library's Genealogy Room. Ext. 336

Teen Anime Club
Tuesday, January 20 6 p.m.
Teens (13-18) are invited to an Anime movie night in this movie that follows a young dreamer through cruel winters, cold technology, and finally, adult obligations and responsibilities. Rated PG 13, run time 63 minutes; snacks provided. *Registration is not required.* Ext. 334

Introduction to Alzheimer's Disease
Friday, January 23 10 a.m.
Join this free informational and interactive session focusing on understanding the disease process of progressive dementia. A light lunch will be provided at 11:30am followed by a session on advanced issues and strategies. Please register by calling toll free 1-800-303-0180.

Munster Branch
8701 Calumet Ave., Munster, IN 46321
836-8450
www.lcplin.org/branches/mu.htm

The Vikings
Tuesday, January 6 6:30 p.m.
The Vikings, a Great Courses dvd lecture series, is presented in conjunction with the Nordikfolk Lodge #761 of the Vasa Order of America. The half hour lecture this month are Viking Raids on the Carolingian Empire and The Duchy of Normandy.

Classic Film
Monday, January 12 2 p.m.
Academy Award winners Cher, Nicolas Cage, and Olympia Dukakis excel in this explosively funny romantic comedy directed by Norman Jewison. Rated PG; running time 102 minutes.

Independent Film
Tuesday, January 13 2 p.m. & 6:30 p.m.
A young woman delves into her parents' life after the concentration camps of World War II through old photos and letters. As her father grows seriously ill, her destiny intertwines with his past as they form a single, unforgettable story. In French with English subtitles; not rated; adults; run time 110 minutes. [cc]

Teen Trivia Game Day
Wednesday, January 14 3:30 p.m.
Teens are invited to play this trivia game specifically designed for middle and high school students.

A Night at the Opera
Wednesday, January 14 6:30 p.m.
Mary Hobein of the Lyric Opera Lecture Corps will discuss the background of the opera *Tosca* by Giacomo Puccini. Musical highlights will accompany the presentation.

Explore Portugal
Thursday, January 15 2 p.m. & 7 p.m.
Portugal is a country of churches and cathedrals, massive fortresses, magnificent castles, prosperous towns, and glorious coastlines.

Blood Pressure Screening
Thursday, January 22 10 a.m. - Noon
A medical representative will provide free blood pressure screenings. *No appointments or registration needed.*

Thursday Afternoon Book Discussion
Thursday, January 22 1:30 p.m.
The Funeral Dress: A Novel, by Susan Gregg Gilmore, addresses the questions of class and social isolation in this tale of an abused, motherless, pregnant teen working in a textile mill who is befriended and mentored by one of the seamstresses.

A Night at the Opera
Wednesday, January 28 6:30 p.m.
Larry Lapidus of the Lyric Opera lecture Corps will discuss the background of the opera *Tannhauser* by Richard Wagner. Musical highlights will accompany the presentation.

Great Books Discussion
Thursday, January 29 7 p.m.
Readers are invited to a discourse of *Ecclesiastes* from the *Bible*, a selection from the fifth series of *Great Books*.

St. John Branch
9450 Wicker Avenue, St. John, IN 46373
365-5379
www.lcplin.org/branches/sj.htm

Stamp Camp
Monday, January 5 6:30 p.m.
Express your creativity with rubber stamps and decorative paper. There is a $5 fee to cover the cost of materials provided due at class time.

Travel Film Series
Tuesday, January 6 2 p.m.
Take this journey to Greece that includes Athens, Crete, Santorini, the ancient ruins of Pantheon, and the site of the original Olympic games. Refreshments served.

Sit & Stitch
Wednesdays, January 7 & 21 6:30 p.m.
Bring your crocheting, knitting, or sewing project and gather with others who have a common thread.

Gardening Class
Monday, January 12 7 p.m.
Master Gardener Donee Smith will present 'Feeding Birds in the Winter' in this program co-sponsored by the St. John Garden Club.

Page Turners Book Club
Wednesday, January 14 6:30 p.m.
Join in this discussion of *The Supremes at Earl's All-You-Can-Eat* by Edward Kelsey Moore.

CD Weaving for Teens
Thursday, January 15 6:30 p.m.
Teens (6th - 12th grades) will learn how to make an awesome woven artwork by weaving yarn around a compact disk.

Teen Anime Club
Monday, January 19 4 p.m.
Teens (6th - 12th grade) will have snacks, talk about and watch the first three episodes of an Anime about the year 2022 when a next-generation game known as 'Nerve Gear' comes into play.

Classic Film Series
Thursday, January 22 2 p.m.
Enjoy a snack and view this classic World War II love story of lonely cafe owner Rick who meets up with his former love in Casablanca, featuring Humphrey Bogart and Ingrid Bergman. Running time: 102 minutes.

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Need more reading suggestions for the new year? Any Lake County Public Library branch may help you find your next read or call the Dyer-Schererville Branch at 219-322-4731 to make an appointment with a reading consultant and build a personalized list of titles based on your preferences. Book Clubs are also encouraged to contact the branch for information about Book Club to Go kits and recommendations for future selections.

And if Santa brought you a new eReader, tablet, or smart phone, take advantage of free Digital Open Houses at the Dyer-Schererville Branch from 2-3:30pm on January 6, 15, 22, and 27. We'll help you borrow eBooks, download music, and read popular magazines on your digital device. (Check LCPL Events online at www.lcplin.org for other branches offering similar assistance.)

Happy Reading, Viewing, and Listening in 2015!

Chris Rettig,
Dyer-Schererville Branch Manager

Lake County Public Library
1919 West 81st Avenue
Merrillville, IN 46410

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2015 READ a THON Readers Are Winners

The Lake County Public Library Foundation is once again hosting the annual Read-a-Thon from Monday, January 12th through Friday, February 22nd . This 6 week event is open to all children from preschoolers through eighth grade. While most schools in the Lake County Public Library district participate, home schooled children and individual children whose school does not participate are welcomed and encouraged to join in on their own through their local branch library.

Prizes are presented to every child that participates, including recognition ribbons, 10" to 20" trophies, and gift cards, all depending on the volume of books read and funds generated. The Sponsor/Booklist Record envelopes and the Read-a-Thon Rules/ Checklist flyers are available through participating school librarians or your local branch library.

Lake County Public Library
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2015 January

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Children's Classes

MOTHER GOOSE ON THE LOOSE!

Storytimes

Birth-23 mo.
and a caregiver

This 30 minute lapsit program uses songs, rhymes, and finger plays to encourage interaction and foster language development and motor skills.

Cedar Lake Branch:
1st & 3rd Friday 10:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m.

Dyer-Schererville Branch:
2nd & 3rd Monday 10:30 a.m.
Or 2nd & 3rd Tuesday 10:30 a.m.

Griffith-Calumet Twp. Branch
2nd & 4th Wednesday 10:30 a.m.

Highland Branch:
1st & 3rd Tuesday 6:30 p.m.
1st & 3rd Wednesday 10:30 a.m.

Merrillville Branch:
3rd Tuesday 10 a.m.

Munster Branch:
1st & 3rd Wednesday 10:30 a.m.

St. John Branch:
2nd & 4th Thursday 10:15 a.m.

2-3 Year Olds

This 45 minute program is filled with stories, songs, and finger plays, and a craft.

(Caregivers must be present during program.)

Cedar Lake Branch:
2nd & 4th Thursday 10:30 a.m.

Dyer-Schererville Branch:
2nd & 3rd Wed. 10:15 a.m., 11:15 a.m.
1:30 p.m.

Griffith-Calumet Twp. Branch
1st & 3rd Wednesday 10:30 a.m.

Highland Branch:
2nd & 4th Monday 10:30 a.m.

Hobart Branch:
2nd & 4th Monday 11:15 a.m.

Merrillville Branch:
3rd Monday 10 a.m.

Munster Branch:
1st & 3rd Mon. 10:15 a.m. or 11: 15 a.m.

St. John Branch:
1st & 3rd Tues. 10:15 a.m., 11:15 a.m.

4-5 Year Olds

This hour program is filled with stories, songs, finger plays, and a craft.

Cedar Lake Branch:
1st & 3rd Tuesday 10:30 a.m., 1 p.m.

Dyer-Schererville Branch:
2nd & 3rd Monday 1:30 p.m.
or 2nd & 3rd Tuesday 1:30 p.m.

Griffith-Calumet Twp. Branch
1st & 3rd Tuesday 1 p.m.

Highland Branch:
2nd & 4th Wednesday 10:30 a.m.

Hobart Branch:
1st & 3rd Mon. 10:30 a.m. or 1:30 p.m.

Lake Station-New Chicago
2nd Tuesday 1:30 p.m.

Merrillville Branch:
2nd & 4th Tuesday 10: a.m.

Munster Branch:
2nd & 4th Tuesday 10:30 a.m.

St. John Branch:
2nd & 4th Tuesday 10:30 a.m.
2nd & 4th Friday 10:30 a.m.

Cedar Lake Branch

10010 E. 133rd Ave.,Cedar Lake, IN 46303
374-7121
www.lcplin.org/branches/cl.htm

S T E A M Friday!
Fridays, Jan. 2, 23 & 30 — All Day
Using Science, Technology, Engineering, Art & Math, children will enjoy experimenting, designing, building, computing, and crafting. This month explore snow, ice and cold.

Learning & More @ the Library
Mon.-Sat., Jan. 5-31 — All Day
All month long enjoy early literacy activities, along with crafts and more for all ages. It's always fun @ the library.

Teens Snack & Plan
Monday, January 5 — 4 p.m.
Members of T A B, Teen Advisory Board, and those wishing to join (11 and older) will have fun while earning volunteer hours. Eat, play games, plan programs for teens and younger kids.

Crochet @ Your Library
Monday, January 5 — 7 p.m.
Teens are invited to learn beginning stitches while working on a simple project. Bring a skein of 100% cotton yarn and a size H crochet hook.

I Am Moving, I Am Learning
Wednesday, January 7 — 10:30 a.m.
The Purdue Extension Agency offers this free class for families and their children, ages 8 months to 8 years. It is a fun, active session for caregivers of young children to encourage the child's movement and healthy food choices for each day. Learn through play.

LEGO Mania
Thursday, January 8 — 4:30 p.m.
Children through grade 6 will make and display their own LEGO creations made with library LEGO bricks. All supplies and snacks provided. Preschool children must be accompanied by an adult.

Midwinter Crafts
Saturday, January 10 — 10 a.m.
Children of all ages are welcomed to make crafts geared toward inside fun during bad winter weather with ice experiments and more.

Crafting Mania
Tues. & Wed., Jan. 13, 14 & 20 — 4 p.m.
Teens create art on a t-shirt using paints, pens, tie dye, stencils and more. All materials and snacks provided.

Sensational Science
Thursday, January 15 — 4 p.m.
Open to anyone in middle or high school as presented in collaboration with Boy Scouts of America to promote STEM, teens can experiment, plan, build, and compute. Please be sure to register for this sensational program.

Be A Movie Star at LCPL
Monday, January 19 — 5 p.m.
Children in kindergarten through grade 5 can get their inner theatrics on making costumes, acting out skits, and more.

Snow Fun for All
Monday, January 26 — 6:30 p.m.
In this family story time enjoy the cold in the warmth of the library experimenting with snow and ice. Hear and participate in stories, songs, and other activities.

Teen GameFest
Wednesday, January 28 — 3-5 p.m.
Teens, 11 and older, are invited to play games of choice including *PlayStation & Wii*. Compete in tournaments for prizes. Snacks provided.

Dyer-Schererville Branch

1001 W. Lincoln Hwy., Schererville, IN 46375
322-4731
www.lcplin.org/branches/ds.htm

Kids' Art Club
Tuesday, January 6 — 4:30 p.m.
Children in 2nd through 6th grades will learn to draw and paint in this 1 hour monthly class.

DYNAMITE DUPLOs
Wednesday, January 7 — 10:30 a.m.
This is a 30 minute session for 2 to 5 year old children, accompanied by a caregiver, and includes simple patterning and building activities with the library's DUPLO blocks.

LEGO Club
Thursday, January 8 — 6:30 p.m.
School age children, kindergarten to grade 6, will use their creativity to build unique projects with the library's LEGO bricks.

Teen Advisory Board
Wednesday, January 14 — 6:30 p.m.
Teens (11-18) are welcome to share in a snack and help us think ahead to the summer reading program. *Registration is not required.*

Power Paws for Kids
Saturday, January 17 — 11 a.m.
Children of all ages will have the opportunity to read a library book to one of the registered Delta Society Pet Partner dogs (accompanied by their trainers). The dogs are provided through *Power Paws for Kids*, a non-profit organization. *Registration is not required.*

Winter Wonderland
Thursday, January 29 — 6:30 p.m.
Children in kindergarten through 6th grade will have a wonderful time making a winter craft, hearing stories, and having hot chocolate.

Griffith-Calumet Twshp. Branch

1215 E. 45th Ave., Griffith, IN 46319
838-2825
www.lcplin.org/branches/gr.htm

T A B Meeting
Monday, January 5 — 3:45 p.m.
Teens are invited to join our Teen Advisory Board (TAB). Enjoy planning teen programs with your peers while earning volunteer hours. Snacks provided. *Registration is not required.*

Art Club
Monday, January 5 — 6 p.m.
Kids in kindergarten through grade 5 will create a fun project and learn something new about art.

Cool Science Tricks & Equipment
Wednesday, January 14 — 3:45 p.m.
Teens (6th-12th grades) have fun learning the craziness of science by completing fun experiments.

Celebrate Martin Luther King's Birthday
Friday, January 16 — 10:30 a.m.
Home schooled kids will celebrate Dr. King's birthday with stories, games, and a craft.

LEGO Mania
Monday, January 19 — 4 p.m.
Children in kindergarten through grade 5 will build with the library's LEGO blocks.

Graphic Novel Book Club
Thursday, January 22 — 5:30 p.m.
Teen fans of graphic novels are welcome to join in a discussion of *Alice in the Country of Clover: Cheshire Cat Waltz* by Rose Quinn.

S T E A M Team
Thursday, January 22 — 6 p.m.
Kids in 1st to 5th grades will learn about Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math with games, experiements, and crafts to explore each topic.

Teen Knitting Group
Saturday, January 24 **11 a.m.**
Teens will learn how to get started on making a comfy scarf. Please bring size 13in/9mm knitting needles and same sized yarn. Hot cocoa and cookies served.

Teen Movie & Popcorn
Saturday, January 31 **1 p.m.**
View this theatrical presentation of a vengeful fairy driven to curse an infant princess, only to discover that the child may be the one person who can restore peach to a troubled land. Rated PG, run time 97 minutes; popcorn provided.

Highland Branch

2841 Jewett St., Highland, IN 46322
838-2394
www.lcplin.org/branches/hi.htm

Teen Book Discussion
Wednesday, January 7 **3:45 p.m.**
Cinder by Marissa Meyer is a futuristic twist on the classic Cinderella, replacing the mice and glass slipper with snarky androids and mechanical feet. *Registration is not required.*

Family Game Night
Thursday, January 8 **6 p.m.**
Families may join us for an evening of games and refreshments. An assortment of board games will be available.

Pokemon Trading Card Game Night for Teens
Monday, January 12 **6 p.m.**
Prove who is the best Trainer by sending your Pokemon into battle! Open to experienced players and those interested in learning the game (11-17), but you must bring your own deck to play. *Registration is not required.*

Family Story Hour
Tuesday, January 13 & 27 **6:30 p.m.**
Families with children 3 to 6 years of age will enjoy stories, finger plays, music, and a craft.

Teen Anime Club
Tuesday, January 13 **6 p.m.**
In this month's popular anime series (rated TV-13) Sakura Kinomoto's life is changed forever when she is chosen to be the master of the Clow Cards. *Registration is not required.*

LEGO CLUB
Wednesday, January 14 **3:30 p.m.**
School age children (kindergarten to grade 6) will free build or build the 'challenge' project with the library's LEGO blocks. Constructions will be on display in the library until next month's meeting. Parents of children through grade 2 should plan to assist their child. We happily accept donations of LEGO building blocks to add to our collection.

Family Sing Along Film
Saturday, January 17 **2 p.m.**
We'll play a popular movie on our cinematic screen as you sing along with the princesses and snowmen. Costumes are encouraged, but not required. Call the library for the film's title. Rated PG, run time 103 minutes.

Teen Advisory Board
Wednesday, January 21 **3:45 p.m.**
Snacks will be served and plans will be made by teens for upcoming projects. Bring your ideas and be prepared for a fun time. New officers will be elected, so be sure to come if you want your candidate to win. *Registration is not required.*

Hobart Branch

100 N. Main St., Hobart, IN 46342
942-2243
www.lcplin.org/branches/ho.htm

LEGO Night
Tuesday, January 6 **6 p.m.**
Children in kindergarten to grade 6 will use their imagination to create structures using LEGO bricks.

'Tweens Craft Night
Tuesday, January 13 **6 p.m.**
'Tweens (9 to 12 years of age) will create a winter craft and discuss ideas for future programs.

Teen Advisory Board
Monday, January 19 **3 p.m.**
Teens and 'tweens (ages 12 and up) are invited to join the Teen Advisory Board to make plans for future programs, talk about books they have read, and earn volunteer hours. Snacks served.

Winter Wonderland
Tuesday, January 20 **6 p.m.**
Children in kindergarten through grade 6 will make a winter craft and hear a seasonal story.

Lake Station-New Chicago Branch

2007 Central Avenue, Lake Station, IN 46405
962-2409
www.lcplin.org/branches/lsnc.htm

Mittens, Mittens, Mittens!!!
Wednesday, January 7 **6 p.m.**
School age children (kindergarten to grade 5) will create their own holiday wrapping paper. All supplies will be on hand and refreshments will be served. *Registration is not required.*

Family Nutrition Program
Friday, January 9 **11 a.m.**
Belinda Stepnowski, Family Nutrition Adviser will show participants how to prepare quick, tasty, and healthy low-cost foods.

Mom & Me
Tuesday, January 13 **10:30 a.m.**
Join the fun at this child (infants to 2 year olds) and adult participation story time that includes stories, songs, and finger plays presented by NorthShore Health Center.

Teen Gaming
Tuesday, January 20 **5:30-7:30 p.m.**
Teens and 'tweens (grades 4 to 12) will play video games on the *Wii*, as well as board games. Snacks provided. *Registration is not required.*

'Tweens Celebrate the Chinese New Year
Wednesday, January 21 **6 p.m.**
In celebration of the Chinese New Year, 'Tweens, ages 9 to 13, will make a Chinese Dragon. Refreshments will be served.

Olaf's Snow Festival
Saturday, January 31 **10 a.m.**
Young Elsa's and Olaf's are invited to join in a celebration of all things cold! Play games, sing-a-long, and view the now famous Disney film starring these characters. Come dressed up if you wish! Refreshments served.

Merrillville Branch

1919 W. 81st Ave., Merrillville, IN 46410
769-3541
www.lcplin.org/branches/cnl.htm

Craft Table for Children
Every Day **All Day**
Children of all ages are welcome to make a craft in the Children's Department during the library's open hours.

Board Game Fun
Wednesday, January 7 **6:30 p.m.**
Children in grades 2 to 5 will meet to play fun board games. Family members are welcome to join in.

LEGO Club
Monday, January 12 **4 p.m.**
Children in 2nd through 6th grades will have fun making their own unique LEGO creations with library LEGOs. The only requirement is imagination!

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Celebrating Your 'U'
Monday, January 19 **4 p.m.**
In recognition of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday, school age children (kindergarten to grade 5) will celebrate his dream of tolerance and individuality through stories, games, and a craft.

Gaming Night
Wednesday, January 21 **6 p.m.**
School age children (kindergarten to grade 5) are invited to get together to plan *Wii, PlayStation 2*, and board games. Snacks will be served.

Beach Party Bash
Thursday, January 22 **4 p.m.**
School age children (kindergarten to grade 5) are invited to come in from the cold and join us for an indoor beach bash.

Munster Branch

8701 Calumet Ave., Munster, IN 46321
836-8450
www.lcplin.org/branches/mu.htm

Debunking the Presidents: Folklore Behind American Leaders
Wednesdays, Jan. 21-Feb. 11 **4 p.m.**
Children in kindergarten or older will look at the myths and legends behind four of our past presidents in each of these four sessions. First up is George Washington, then Abraham Lincoln, followed by Benjamin Harrison and Barak Obama.

St. John Branch

9450 Wicker Avenue, St. John, IN 46373
365-5379
www.lcplin.org/branches/sj.htm

Snowflakes
Thursday, January 8 **4:30 p.m.**
School age children (kindergarten to grade 5) will create paper snowflakes for a variety of wintry paper crafts.

CD Weaving
Thursday, January 15 **6:30 p.m.**
Teens (6th - 12th grade) will learn how to make an awesome woven artwork by weaving yarn around a compact disk.

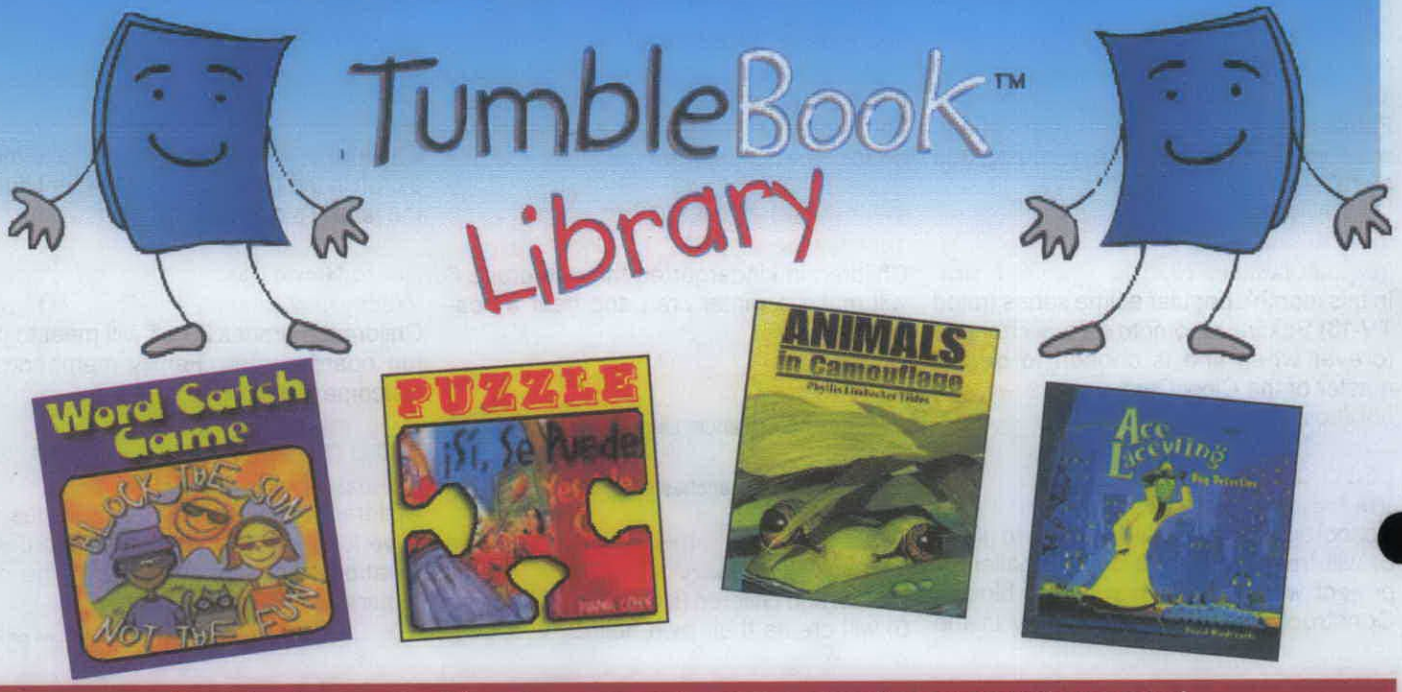
Teen Anime Club
Monday, January 19 **4 p.m.-5:30**
Are you a fan of Anime or Manga? Teens (6th - 12th grade) will watch the first three episodes of an Anime about the year 2022 when a next-generation game known as 'Nerve Gear' has been developed to make full dives into a virtual dimension.

Power Paws for Kids
Saturday, January 24 **11 a.m.**
Children of all ages will enjoy reading aloud to the Power Paws service dogs.

Secret Agent Spy Club
Tuesday, January 27 **4:30 p.m.**
School age children (kindergarten to grade 5) will learn how to make invisible ink and enjoy other spy-related activities.

Family Story Time
Wednesday, January 28 **6:30 p.m.**
Children and their families will participate in stories, crafts and other activities.

Check out our website... free eBooks for kids!



Registration required for all programs by phone or online except where noted.

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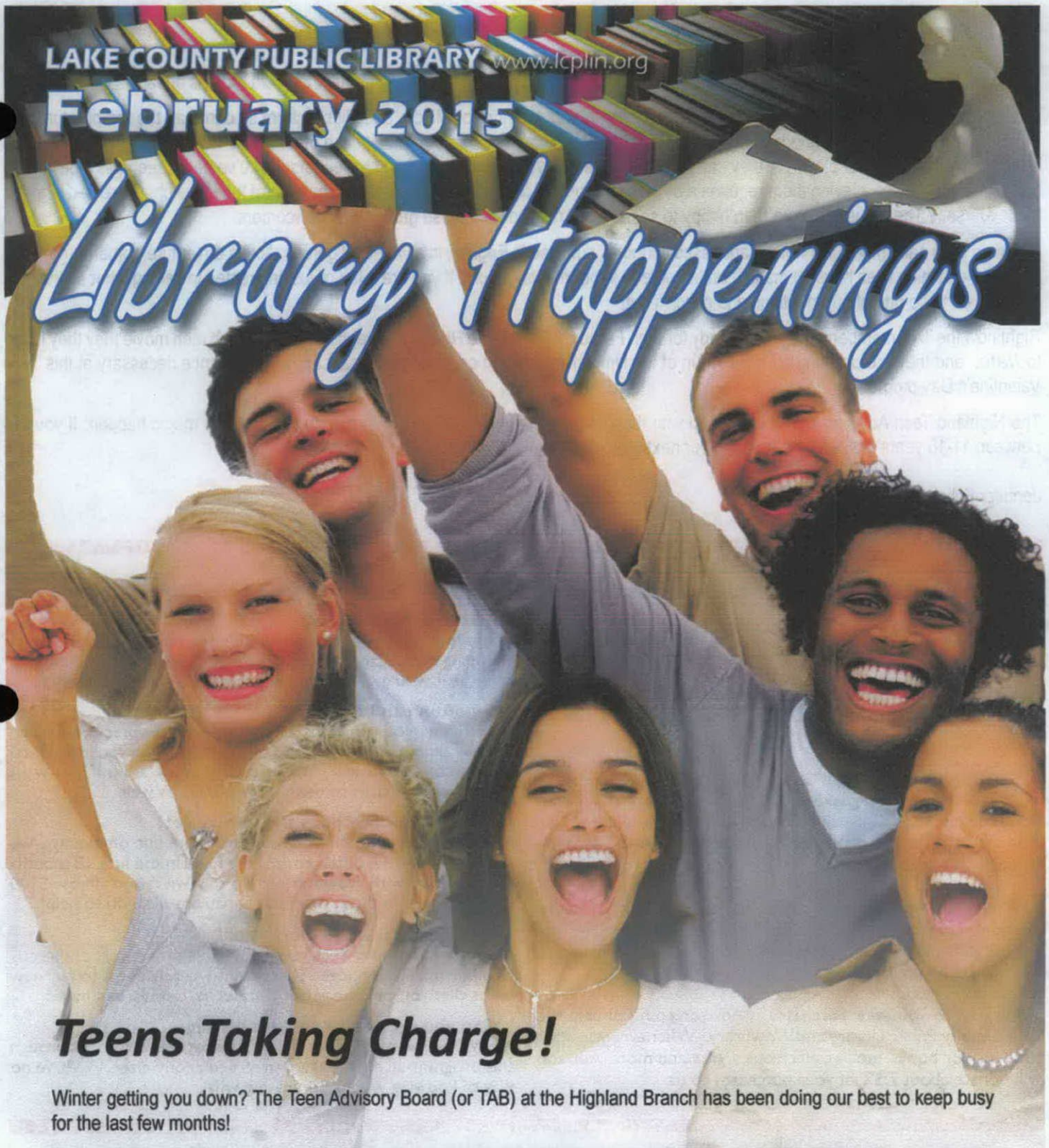
February 2015

Library Happenings



Teens Taking Charge!

Winter getting you down? The Teen Advisory Board (or TAB) at the Highland Branch has been doing our best to keep busy for the last few months!

This past October the teens adapted, directed, and performed a creepy retelling of *The Bride* based on the short story in Alvin Schwartz's book *More Scary Stories to Tell in the Dark.* The Town of Highland is known for its love of theater, because each year many of the community members volunteer their time to mount a Summer Musical at the Main Square gazebo. This love has clearly been passed down to the next generation of performers and backstage magicians and I look forward to seeing what this talented group of writers and actors does next!

In December the teens concentrated on making the branch a brighter place. The TAB members made holiday cards that were distributed to local service members, veterans, and military family members. The teens also designed a series of bookmarks for the "Reading in a Winter Wonderland" program and their works of art were then printed up and handed out all month long!

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But that's not all! Highland has even more Teen activities coming up to help get you through the cold months ahead!

Trading card game nights have made our meeting room a popular stop for Middle and High School students as the temperature ha dropped. At the Magic the Gathering and Pokémon programs the teens can play against each other in one-on-one matches, where they attempt to outwit the other player, or they can work as a team to try and take down their challengers! If you've never seen this type of card game in action before, playing them requires a combination of luck and strategy that make them a ton of fun to watch. Interested in trying it out yourself? The teens are more than happy to share their knowledge of these games with newcomers.

At Anime Club each month we watch Japaneses cartoons, subtitled in English, in a variety of genres. Action adventure, romantic comedy, and science fiction titles have all made it on the screen in our meeting room. If you are a fan or just interested in seeing what all the fuss is about, come to one of our meetings and check it out!

Right now the TAB members are getting ready for their February 14th movie Roast. The teens voted on which teen movie they they loved to *hate*, and they are planning on making fun of the film while snacking on some seasonal candy. No romance necessary at this Teen Valentine's Day program.

The Highland Teen Advisory Board comes up with these programs and it is a ton of fun getting to watch the magic happen. If you are between 11-18 years old, feel free come to our next meeting and join in!

Jennifer Billingsley, Branch Librarian, Highland

Support the Library by Shopping on Amazon

If you shop through Amazon, your purchases could be benefiting the library!

All you have to do is go to www.wowbrary.org/lakeco and click the Shop at Amazon link. Then just shop as usual! A portion of what you spend will be delivered right back to the library since you accessed Amazon through that special link.

Any time you want your purchases to help the library, just repeat the same steps. It makes a big difference! And if you're having any difficulty, please contact your library. We'd be happy to walk you through it!

At no cost to you, your purchases at Amazon.com can help the Lake County Public Library and Wowbrary. Whenever you start shopping for books, movies, electronics, gifts, and more Amazon will donate about 7.5% of your purchases to us.

Frequently Asked Questions

What will this cost me?
There is no additional charge! Anything you might purchase when shopping on Amazon to support the library will cost exactly the same as it would if you were shopping on Amazon normally.

How often can I do this?
As often as you want! Just use the www.wowbrary.org/lakeco link any time you want to shop on Amazon. Once you leave Amazon's website, you will have to click the link again if you want your next purchases to benefit the library, as well.

How much money does the library get?
It varies depending on what is purchased, but on average we receive around 4% of the cost of the item. In the first 18 months of partnering with Wowbrary to do this, we raised almost $800 - and that was without even asking patrons like you to help!

What do you use the money for?
All of the money we receive through this program goes directly into our materials budget. That means we only use it to buy new items that you can check out, like books, movies, and music.

...Can you see what I've been buying?
No! When we receive the report of what we've earned through this program, all data is aggregated and anonymized. We have no way of knowing who is purchasing what.

Tax Season is Here

Please note that the government has restricted the variety of forms we may have on hand this year. All locations will still carry the most common tax forms. For tax preparation assistance please visit www.nwi 211.com, enter your zip code, and search keyword "tax."

Federal Tax Forms http://www.irs.gov/Forms-&-Pubs
Indiana Tax Forms http://www.in.gov/dor/3489.htm
Other State Taxes http://www.taxadmin.org/fta/link/default.php?lnk=2

Ask a Librarian

Q: How does a reader recommend a book or e-book for other library users? I know about reviewing books, just not recommending them.

A: The best way to recommend an item would be using your local branch's "Awesome Box."

When you return any physical item (book, audiobook, magazine, DVD, CD) just return it in the designated Awesome Box rather than the usual return box.

If you'd like to recommend a downloadable book or audiobook, just locate the ISBN (under "Title Information" on the OverDrive item details page). Then submit that ISBN number in your local branch's "Awesome Box."

You will then be able to view your recommendation, along with other patron recommendations, online at http://lcpl.awesomebox.io/. We are always pleased when our patrons enjoy an item and want to share it with others!

Branch Library Happenings

Cedar Lake Branch

10010 E. 133rd Ave., Cedar Lake, IN 46303
374-7121
www.lcplin.org/branches/cl.htm

Crochet @ Your Library
Monday, February 2 — 7 p.m.

Learn beginning stitches while working on a simple project. Bring a skein of 100% cotton and a size H crochet hook. Or bring a project you're already working on.

Friendship Bracelets
Monday, February 9 — 6:30 p.m.

Pick from a variety of designs to make a friendship bracelet. Open to school-agers, teens, and adults. All materials provided.

History on Film
Tuesday, February 10 — 2 p.m.

Travel through history via the library's big screen. Trace the meteoric career and heroic life of Theodore Roosevelt who transformed America's place in the world. As police commissioner, governor, cabinet member, and as President of the United States he brandished the powers of his office with unparalleled energy.

Make it Hot!
Tues. & Wed., Feb. 10 & 11 — 4 p.m.

Teens will decorate felt scarves, design new ones, then make hot chocolate and salsa.

Travel the World Without Leaving Home
Tuesday, February 24 — 2 p.m.

Cuba is the pearl of the Carribbean and thanks to its colonial past, the capital city of Havana has plenty of palaces, mansions, cathedrals, forts, and shady alleys. We'll also visit Trinidad, Santa Clara, and Che Guevara.

Teen GameFest
Wednesday, February 25 — 3-5 p.m.

Teens will play *Wii, PlayStation* and/or board games. Snacks provided.

February 1st to 28th Online!

BOOKreMARKS Online Discussion

This is a month long book discussion available at any time of day to anyone, anywhere through email. *Help for the Haunted* by John Searles, is a story of a most unusual family, their harrowing tragedy and ultimately a daughter's discovery of a dark and unexpected mystery.

To join the discussion send an email to remarks@lcplin.org.

TeenREADS Online Book Discussion

This month long book discussion for teens is conducted through emails at any time of day from anywhere. A ragtag band of teenage 'sci-philes' rescue a stray wolfdog pup from a medical lab and are exposed to a rare strain of canine parvovirus, changing them, and their DNA. The combine their scientific curiosity with their new heightened senses and animal-quick reflexes to try to solve a cold case murder that has suddenly become very hot. Can they catch a cold-blooded murderer now that they are no longer just friends...they are a pack! Read *Virals* by Kathy Reichs and join in this book discussion by email to **teenreads@lcplin.org**.

Branch Library Happenings

Dyer-Schererville Branch

1001 W. Lincoln Hwy., Schererville, IN 46375
322-4731
www.lcplin.org/branches/ds.htm

Personalized Reading Suggestions
February 2 – 28
Whether you are looking for a good book to read, interested in discovering new genres, or in need of suggestions for your book club, call to schedule an appointment with a reader's adviser and start building your 'to read' list.

Snowflake of the Week
Mondays, February 2-23 All Day
Teens and adults are invited to pick up this week's paper snowflake pattern to cut out and enjoy at home.

Independent Film Series
Monday, February 2 1 p.m.
After their mother's death, a filmmaker and her sister discover a cache of old photos and letters that lead them to unravel their parents' tangled relationship with a mysterious uncle. French with subtitles. [cc] *Registration is not required.*

Blood Pressure Screenings
Tuesday, February 3 10:30 a.m.
Free blood pressure screenings are offered by medical representatives. *Registration is not required.*

How to Make Your Dragon
Tuesday, February 3 6:30 p.m.
Teens (11 to 18 years of age) are invited to create a dancing dragon costume to help children welcome in the Chinese New Year.

Digital Photography Crash Course
Monday, February 9 6 p.m.
This beginner-to-intermediate class, taught by a professional, is focused on photographing people. Participants are welcome, but not required, to bring a digital camera.

Stamp Class
Tuesday, February 10 5 p.m.
Participants will work on projects created with decorative paper, ink, and rubber stamps. There is a $5 fee to cover the cost of materials provided and due at the time of class. Please bring a glue stick.

Teen Advisory Board Meeting
Wednesday, February 11 6:30 p.m.
Teens (11-18 years of age) are welcome to share in a snack and help us think about the new teen area. *Registration is not required.*

Winter Olympics for Teens
Tuesday, February 17 6:30 p.m.
We'll have our own version of the Winter Olympics for teens, complete with opening ceremonies, competitions, and medal ceremonies.

Virtual Tourist
Wednesday, February 18 7 p.m.
Journey to the Caribbean Sea to explore the lush greenery and pristine waters of its many islands, while eating a local snack. *Registration is not required.*

Lab Rat Tuesdays – Sink That Ship!
Tuesday, February 24 6:30 p.m.
Teens will learn how the Titanic sank, then design a vessel and test it on the raging ocean! Be prepared to get wet.

Between the Lines
Wednesday, February 25 7 p.m.
or Thursday, February 26 10:15 a.m.
The circus arrives without warning...it is simply there, when yesterday it was not. Called Cirque des Reves, it is only open at night. In *The Night Circus* by Erin Morgenstern, readers will find a fierce competition underway where the fates of everyone, from the cast to the patrons, hang in the balance. *Registration is not required.*

Griffith-Calumet Twshp. Branch

1215 E. 45th Ave., Griffith, IN 46319
838-2825
www.lcplin.org/branches/gr.htm

Paper Creations
Tuesday, February 3 1 p.m.
Design personalized cards and other paper creations. There is a $5 fee to cover the cost of materials provided due at the time of class.

StoryLovers Book Group
Tuesday, February 3 5:30 p.m.
or Wednesday, February 4 10:30 a.m.
Read and discuss *The Interestings* by Meg Wolitzer. As the friendship of six teenagers endure the story looks at the differences in their fates, in what their talents become, and the shape their lives take.

Thursday Threaders
Thursdays, February 5 10:30 a.m.
Bring and work on your own project while enjoying the company of others.

T A B Meeting
Thursday, February 5 3:45 p.m.
Meet with fellow teens to plan future teen programs, earn volunteer hours, and have some delicious snacks.

Scrabble Night
Thursday, February 5 6 p.m.
Folks of all ages are invited to a fun evening of Scrabble-increase your vocabulary while having a great time! *Registration is not required.*

Saturday Scrappers
Saturday, Feb. 7 11 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Join this gathering to chat with other like-minded scrap booking friends while working on your scrap book.

Mystery Loves Co. Discussion
Monday, February 9 1 p.m.
Enjoying a peaceful retirement, a former Quebec homicide detective reluctantly agrees to help a neighbor search for her missing, estranged husband and teams up with two former colleagues on a search that reveals the workings of a damaged mind in *The Long Way Home* by Louise Penny.

Great Decisions Discussion Group
Tuesdays, February 10 & 24 6:30 p.m.
We begin the 2015 discussion season with a look at Russia and the Ukraine. What does President Putin's aggressive stance against Europeanization in Ukraine mean for the rest of Russia's neighbors?

Cool Science Experiments for Teens
Wednesday, February 11 3:45 p.m.
Teens will work with batteries to make a spinning heart with experimentation in keeping with the Valentine theme.

Blood Pressure Screening
Tues. February 17 10 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
Free blood pressure screenings are offered by a medical representative.

Gardening: Winter Sowing
Tuesday, February 17 7 p.m.
Get started on your spring garden planning in this class as Master Gardener Dolly Foster explains how to prepare now for an awesome summer garden.

Movie Wednesday
Wednesday, February 18 2 p.m.
Author Mrs. P. L. Travers reflects on her childhood after reluctantly meeting with Walt Disney, who seeks to adapt her Mary Poppins books for the big screen. Rated PG; run time 125 minutes.

History Through Music with Scott Larson
Thursday, February 19 6:30 p.m.
Pull up a seat and enjoy the styling of singer/songwriter Scott Larson as he walks us through the stories behind the songs of the railroad. Equipped with an acoustic guitar, a pocket full of harmonicas, and a voice dripping with sincerity, Scott will keep you entertained in this LIVE Spring Music Series.

Book Buddies
Monday, February 23 4 p.m.
Read and discuss *The Commoner* by John Burnham Schwartz. In 1959 Haruko marries the Crown Prince of Japan, becoming the first commoner to enter the mysterious and reclusive world of Japanese royalty.

Moon Called Book Discussion
Monday, February 23 6:30 p.m.
In *Better Homes and Hauntings* Molly Harper has created a standalone paranormal romance in which a dilapidated haunted house could bring star-crossed lovers together—if doesn't kill them first!

Time to Travel Series
Wednesday, February 25 2 p.m.
Stop in and join us as we travel to another wonderful country.

Graphic Novel Book Club
Thursday, February 26 5:30 p.m.
Teen fans of graphic novels are welcome to join us as we discuss *300* by Frank Miller.

Highland Branch
2841 Jewett St., Highland, IN 46322
838-2394
www.lcplin.org/branches/hi.htm

History on Film
Monday, February 2 2 p.m. & 6:30 p.m.
Former President and Mrs. Bush invite viewers to join them on the first in-depth televised tour of the presidential residence. Join us for *The White House Behind Closed Doors.* *Registration is not required.*

Teen Book Discussion
Wednesday, February 4 3:45 p.m.
In *Dealing with Dragons Novel* by Patricia C. Wrede, Cimorene is so bored that she runs away to live with a dragon and finds the adventure she's been looking for. *Registration is not required.*

Fiction Book Discussion
Tuesday, February 10 2 p.m.
In *Fever* author Mary Beth Keane has written an intriguing novel about the woman known as "Typhoid Mary," the first person in America identified as a healthy carrier of Typhoid Fever. *Registration is not required.*

Teen Movie
Saturday, February 14 2 p.m.
Celebrate Valentine's Day without the romance by helping us ROAST a popular movie about princesses and snowmen. Contact the reference desk for information on the title. Rated PG-13. *Registration is not required.*

Teen Anime Club
Wednesday, February 17 6 p.m.
Join the Anime Club as we watch an episode or two of a popular new series and vote on what we will watch for the rest of the year. Snacks provided. *Registration is not required.*

Teen Advisory Board
Wednesday, February 18 3:45 p.m.
Snacks will be served and plans will be made for upcoming projects. Bring your ideas and be prepared for a fun time. *Registration is not required.*

Stamp Camp
Wednesday, February 18 6:30 p.m.
With professional assistance, participants will design and complete customized greeting cards and more. There is a $5 fee to cover the cost of materials provided due at the time of class.

Inspirational Book Discussion
Thursday, February 19 2 p.m.
Beth Bridgewater, a German-American Quaker pacifist, and Josef Buch, a passionately patriotic German, join together in nonviolent resistance against the Nazi regime. Join us as we discuss *All God's Children* by Anna Schmidt. *Registration is not required.*

Gardening Class
Thursday, February 19 6:30 p.m.
Master Gardner Kathy Kick will present a class highlighting the wonderful gardens of Jens Jensen.

Classic/Feature Film
Monday, February 23 2 p.m. & 6 p.m.
Gene Kelly stars an opportunistic American painter living in as Paris torn between a wealthy patroness (Nina Foch), while romancing a young dancer (Leslie Caron). Not rated, circa 1951, 115 minutes run time. *Registration is not required.*

Once Upon a Crime
Thursday, February 26 7 p.m.
Join us as we discuss *Murder at Honeychurch Hall* by Hannah Dennison, a classic country house mystery with a present day tabloid sensibility, cracking pace, acerbic humor, and a cast of British eccentrics. *Registration is not required.*

Hobart Branch
100 N. Main St., Hobart, IN 46342
942-2243
www.lcplin.org/branches/ho.htm

Travel to Hungary
Tuesday, February 3 2 p.m.
Hungary is a small country in the heart of Europe carrying a thousand year-old past.

Adult Learning Classes
Wed. & Fri., Feb. 4-27 11 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Thursdays, Feb. 5-26 11 a.m. – 8 p.m.
Saturdays, Feb. 7-28 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Attend afternoon or evening classes to prepare for your G.E.D., adult basic education, or English as a second language. Register by calling Lynn Pergher of the Hobart Learning Center at ext. 672.

Computer Class: Meet the Mouse
Saturday, February 7 10 a.m.
or Wednesday, February 25 1 p.m.
Learn the basics of using the computer. Practice using the mouse, filling in different types of forms, and using the keyboard.

Computer Class: Basic Windows
Saturday, February 7 11 a.m.
or Wednesday, February 25 2 p.m.
Adults will learn basic computer terminology and how to use Windows or OpenOffice. Participants must know how to use a mouse.

Computer Class: Getting Started with Zinio Magazines
Monday, February 9 2 p.m.
Bring your mobile device or laptop and learn how to get the latest magazines free from the library.

Classic Movie Series
Tuesday, February 10 2-4 p.m.
A weatherman finds himself living the same day over and over again. Contact the library for film title. Rated PG; run time is 101 minutes.

Stitch and Chat
Wednesday, Feb. 11 & 25 6:30 p.m.
Bring your crochet, knitting, needlework, or any other kind of crafting to the library and create while enjoying the company of others. If you want to learn, come along and we'll get you started.

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Contemporary Book Club
Tuesday, February 17 10:30 a.m.
A Northern Light by Jennifer Donnelly is based on a true story. It is a contemporary tale about a young woman struggling to fulfill her dreams and commitments.

Found on Pinterest!
Tuesday, February 17 1 p.m.
Drop in and make a project found on Pinterest! See if we can nail it...all supplies provided.

Computer Class:
Getting Started With Pinterest
Thursday, February 19 2 p.m.
or Saturday, February 21 10 a.m.
Learn all about Pinterest, a pinboard style photo sharing website, that allows users to create theme based image collections for interests and hobbies.

Stamp Camp
Thursday, February 19 6:30 p.m.
With the assistance of a professional, create customized greeting cards. There is a $5 fee to cover the cost of supplies provided due at the time of class. Please bring a pair of scissors.

Teen Advisory Board Meeting
Monday, February 23 3 p.m.
Teens and 'tweens (12 to 17) will plan future programs, talk about books they have read, and earn volunteer hours. Snacks provided.

Sit and Stitch
Tuesday, February 24 1 p.m.
Bring your current handcraft project and work on it in the library. No rules, just fun! Drop in for as long as you can and leave when you must.

Lake Station-New Chicago

2007 Central Avenue, Lake Station, IN 46405
962-2409
www.lcplin.org/branches/lsnc.htm

English as a Second Language
Mon. & Wed., Feb. 2 to 25 4 – 8 p.m.
Neighbors' Educational Opportunities (NEO) offers English language classes for those learning English as their second language. Classes are free, but there is a one-time registration fee of $20 to cover the cost of materials and supplies. To register call (219) 850-4448 or visit www.neoadulted.org.

Book Chat
Thursday, February 5 10 a.m.
When the coffee shop manager is murdered, two women from different walks of life must join together to solve the mystery. Check out *Murder Simply Brewed* by Vannetta Chapman – read it – have an opinion – eat snacks.

Coffee, Donuts and a Movie
Wednesday, February 11 10:30 a.m.
When two musicians witness a mob hit, they flee in an all female band disguised as women, but further complications set in. Marilyn Monroe, Tony Curtis, and Jack Lemmon star. Refreshments served. *Registration is not required.*

Movie Wednesday
Wednesday, February 11 2 p.m.
A man is reunited with a mermaid who saves him from drowning as a boy and falls in love, not knowing who/what she is. Tom Hanks and Darryl Hannah star. Refreshments served. *Registration is not required.*

Family Nutrition Program
Friday, Feb. 13 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
Family Nutrition Adviser Belinda Stepnowski from Purdue Cooperative Extension Service discusses a variety of food and nutrition topics to adults and children. She will show how to prepare quick, tasty, and healthy low-cost foods.

Saturday Matinee
Saturday, February 14 1:30 p.m.
Life changes in an instant for young Mia Hall after a car accident puts her in a coma. During an out-of-body experience, she must decide whether to wake up and live. Refreshments served. *Registration is not required.*

Teen Gaming
Tuesday, February 17 6 p.m.
Teens are invited to play video games on the *Wii* and *PlayStation*, as well as board games. Snacks provided.

Merrillville Branch

1919 W. 81st Ave., Merrillville, IN 46410
769-3541
www.lcplin.org/branches/cnl.htm

English as a Second Language
Mon. & Wed., Feb. 2 to 25 6:30 -8:30 p.m.
English classes are for participants who are learning English as their second language. Classes include speaking, reading, and writing English. Different levels of instruction are offered. Classes are free of charge. Contact Rosella Garcia, Literacy Coordinator, at ext. 336 for questions. Be sure to leave your name and number so we can plan for materials.

ICE:A New Approach to Parenting Workshop
Tuesday, February 10 6-8 p.m.
Learn about the ICE Project (Inspire, Create, Excite) which is designed to increase positive service delivery among organizations that service families. Ext. 335

Northwest Indiana Butterfly Club
Thursday, February 12 10 a.m.
Observe and learn about butterflies, gardening for butterflies, rearing, conservation, and photography. Additional meetings may include field trips, presentations on host and nectar plants, butterfly identification, and other topics. Meetings are held the 2nd Thursday of each month and everyone is welcome. For more information, contact Diane Fruth at dfruth@comcast.net.

Circle of Readers Book Discussion
Thursday, February 12 6:15 p.m.
Readers will discuss *The American Heiress* by Daisy Goodwin. For daughters of the new American billionaires of the 19th century, it was the ultimate deal: marriage to a cash-strapped British Aristocrat in return for a title and social status. But money didn't always buy them happiness. *Registration is not required.* Ext. 364

Teen Anime Club
Tuesday, February 17 6 p.m.
It's an Anime movie night for teens (13 to 18) viewing the first three episodes following a group of adventurers who seek out the great treasure, One Piece, left by a legendary pirate. Ext. 334 *Registration is not required.*

Ask Me about Genealogy
Thursday, February 19 1-3 p.m.
Library staff are available in the Genealogy Room to help with your family history questions and research with resources including obituary indexes, yearbooks, cemetery indexes, genealogy databases, and much more. Ext. 336

Books to Bridge the Region Meeting
Friday, February 20 9:15 a.m.
The Books to Bridge the Region group will discuss the books and program options for the 2015 initiative. Anyone in 'the Region' communities is welcome to the table. For more information call Ext. 315.

Stitch in Public Day
Saturday, February 21 10 a.m .– 2 p.m.
Celebrate National Embroidery Month a Stitch-In-Public day co-sponsored with the Needle Artisans of Northwest Indiana (NANI) of the Embroiderers' Guild of America (EGA), a not-for-profit educational organization. A 'Learn to Stitch' project for beginners will be taught throughout the day appropriate for ages 8 to adult. Ext. 338

Introduction to Alzheimer's Disease
Friday, February 27 10 a.m.– 1 p.m.
Join this free informational and interactive session focusing on understanding the disease process of progressive dementia. A light lunch will be provided at 11:30 am followed by a session on advanced issues and strategies. Please register by calling toll free 1-800-303-0180.

Munster Branch

8701 Calumet Ave., Munster, IN 46321
836-8450
www.lcplin.org/branches/mu.htm

Library Catalog 101
Monday, February 2 10:30 a.m.
Adults will learn how to effectively search the library catalog, place holds on materials, renew materials online, and check their account.

Meet the Mouse
Tuesday, February 3 1:30 p.m.
Participants will learn the basics of using a computer, particularly how to navigate with the mouse.

The Vikings
Tuesday, February 3 6:30 p.m.
In conjunction with the Nordikfolk Lodge #761 of the Vasa Order of America, the library offers *The Vikings*, a Great Courses DVD lecture series: this month - *Viking Assault on England* and *The Danelaw*. Each lecture is ½ hour long.

Navigating the Net
Wednesday, February 4 1:30 p.m.
Adults will learn how to search for information on the Internet.

Classic Film
Monday, February 9 2 p.m.
Set in the 1960s, a southern society girl returns from college determined to become a writer. In the process she turns the lives of her friends and a Mississippi town upside down when she interviews black maids who have spent their lives taking care of prominent southern families. Rated PG-13, running time 146 minutes.

Independent Film
Tuesday, Feb. 10 2 p.m. & 6:30 p.m.
In this madcap and lighthearted comedic romp, an introverted optometrist begins to questions his marriage after he bumps into an old friend, who, though also married, is living the high life of a younger, single gay man. In Mandarin with English subtitles. Not rated; adults only; running time 106 minutes. [cc]

Teen Advisory Board Book Discussion
Wednesday, February 11 3:30 pm
Eleanor & Park by Rainbow Rowell is set over the course of a school year in 1986. It is the story of two star-crossed, teen misfits from Omaha who try to make 'first love' last.

Night at the Opera
Wednesday, Februrary 11 6:30 p.m.
George Meschel of the Lyric Opera Lecture Corps will discuss the background of the opera *The Passenger* by Mieczyslaw Weinberg. Musical highlights will accompany the presentation.

Explore Rome
Thursday, February 19 2 p.m. & 7 p.m.
Visit the city of Rome, including remnants of the ancient empire as well as sights from later periods. This travelogue also covers the Vatican.

Blood Pressure Screening
Thursday, February 26 10 a.m. to Noon
A medical representative will provide free blood pressure screenings. *No appointments or registration needed.*

Thursday Afternoon Book Discussion
Thursday, February 26 1:30 p.m.
Forced to confront the realities of life in the 21st century when he falls in love with a Pakistani widow, Major Pettigrew finds the relationship challenged by local prejudices. Copies of *Major Pettigrew's Last Stand* by Helen Simonson are available at the circulation desk.

Great Books Discussion
Thursday, February 26 7 p.m.
Readers are invited to a discourse of *Oedipus the King* by Sophocles, a selection from the fifth series of Great Books.

St. John Branch

9450 Wicker Avenue, St. John, IN 46373
365-5379
www.lcplin.org/branches/sj.htm

Stamp Camp
Monday, February 2 6:30 p.m.
Express your creativity with rubber stamps and decorative paper. There is a $5 fee to cover the cost of materials provided due at the time of class.

Travel Film Series
Tuesday, February 3 2 p.m.
Journey with us to explore New Zealand's historic sites on both the North and South Island and learn about the Maori culture. Snacks served.

Sit & Stitch
Wed., Feb. 4 & 18 6:30-8:30 p.m.
Bring your crochet, knitting, or sewing project and gather with others who have a common thread.

Gardening Class
Monday, February 9 7 p.m.
Master Gardener Dolly Foster will present 'Spring Garden Clean Up' in a program co-sponsored by the St. John Garden Club.

Page Turners Book Club
Wednesday, February 11 6:30 p.m.
Join us as we discuss *Fin & Lady* by Cathleen Schine, an enchanting novel of a brother and sister who form their own unconventional family during the 'swinging' 1960s.

A Teen Anti-Valentine's Day Party
Thursday, February 12 6 p.m.
Teens (6th to 12th grades) can un-celebrate Valentine's Day while making anti-conversation hearts, a goth sock puppet, and play games. Please bring a black or white sock for the puppet. Snacks served.

Computer Class: Meet the Mouse
Tuesday, February 17 6 p.m.
Wednesday, February 18 10:30 a.m.
Adults will learn the basics of how to move and 'click' a computer mouse effectively with time to practice in class.

Digital Open House
Thursday, February 19 6-8 p.m.
If you aren't sure how to use your new e-Reader, tablet, smart phone, or laptop, we can help! Bring your library card and electronic device and we will show you how to access e-books, music, and magazines.

Computer Class: Basic Windows
Tuesday, February 24 6 p.m.
or Wednesday, February 25 10:30 a.m.
Learn about basic computer terminology, Windows, and basic usage of the OpenOffice program with time to practice. Participants must know how to use the computer mouse.

Classic Film Series
Thursday, February 26 2 p.m.
Enjoy a movie and snack watching a 1957 musical starring Elvis Presley. After serving time in jail, young Vince Everett becomes a teenage rock star. Running time: 96 minutes.

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Merrillville, IN 46410

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February

Children's Classes

MOTHER GOOSE ON THE LOOSE!

Storytimes

Birth-23 mo.
and a caregiver

This 30 minute lapsit program uses songs, rhymes, and finger plays to encourage interaction and foster language development and motor skills.

Cedar Lake Branch:
1st & 3rd Friday 10:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m.

Dyer-Schererville Branch:
2nd Monday 10:30 a.m.
Or 2nd & 3rd Tuesday 10:30 a.m.

Griffith-Calumet Twp. Branch
2nd & 4th Wednesday 10:30 a.m.

Highland Branch:
1st & 3rd Tuesday 6:30 p.m.
1st & 3rd Wednesday 10:30 a.m.

Merrillville Branch:
1st & 3rd Tuesday 10 a.m.

Munster Branch:
1st & 3rd Wednesday 10:30 a.m.

St. John Branch:
2nd & 4th Thursday 10:15 a.m.

2-3 Year Olds

This 45 minute program is filled with stories, songs, and finger plays, and a craft.

(Caregivers must be present during program.)

Cedar Lake Branch:
2nd & 4th Thurs. 10:30 a.m. Or 1 p.m.

Dyer-Schererville Branch:
2nd & 3rd Wed. 10:15 a.m., 11:15 a.m.
1:30 p.m.

Griffith-Calumet Twp. Branch
1st & 3rd Wednesday 10:30 a.m.

Highland Branch:
2nd & 4th Monday 10:30 a.m.

Hobart Branch:
2nd & 4th Monday 10:30 a.m.

Merrillville Branch:
3rd Monday 10 a.m.

Munster Branch:
1st Monday 10:15 a.m. or 11: 15 a.m.

St. John Branch:
1st & 2nd Tues. 10:15 a.m., 11:15 a.m.

4-5 Year Olds

This hour program is filled with stories, songs, finger plays, and a craft.

Cedar Lake Branch:
1st & 3rd Tuesday 10:30 a.m., 1 p.m.

Dyer-Schererville Branch:
2nd Monday 1:30 p.m.
or 2nd & 3rd Tuesday 1:30 p.m.

Griffith-Calumet Twp. Branch
1st & 3rd Tuesday 1 p.m.

Highland Branch:
2nd & 4th Wednesday 10:30 a.m.

Hobart Branch:
1st Monday 10:30 a.m. or 1:30 p.m.

Lake Station-New Chicago
2nd Tuesday 1:30 p.m.

Merrillville Branch:
2nd & 4th Tuesday 10: a.m.

Munster Branch:
2nd & 4th Tuesday 10:30 a.m.

St. John Branch:
2nd & 4th Tuesday 10:30 a.m.
2nd & 4th Friday 10:30 a.m.

Cedar Lake Branch

10010 E. 133rd Ave.,Cedar Lake, IN 46303
374-7121
www.lcplin.org/branches/cl.htm

Learning & More @ the Library
February 2-28 — All Day
All month long during open hours, enjoy early literacy activities, along with crafts and more for all ages. It's always fun @ the library! *Registration is not required.*

'Paws'-itively Reading Fun
Wednesday, February 4 — 5 p.m.
Children of all ages can read aloud to licensed, therapy dogs and participate in reading activities, games, and crafts. Preschoolers must be accompanied by an adult.

LEGO Mania
Thursday, February 5 — 4:30 p.m.
Children through grade 6 will make and display their own LEGO structures made with library LEGO bricks. All supplies and snacks will be provided. Preschoolers must be accompanied by an adult.

ST E A M Friday
Fridays, February 6 – 27 — All Day
Using Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math, children will enjoy experimenting, designing, building, computing, and crafting. This month will be about the heart, the circulatory system, exercise and more! *Registration is not required.*

Make it Hot!
Tues. & Wed., Feb. 10 & 11 — 4 p.m.
Teens will create with scarves, decorating or designing new ones from old t-shirts. They will also make hot chocolate and salsa.

Game On!
Friday, February 13 — 4 p.m.
Let the games begin at this family fun game night playing games provided or favorites brought from home. Jenga, Scrabble, Twister, Clue and more are offered for school age children (kindergarten to grade 5).

Valentine's Day Crafts
Saturday, February 14 — 10 a.m. – Noon
Children of all ages will create artwork and crafts that tug at your heart.

Family Story Time – Dragon Fest
Monday, February 23 — 6:30 p.m.
All ages will celebrate the Chinese New Year – the Year of the Goat in 2015 – with stories, games, and crafts...and with dragons, of course!

Dyer-Schererville Branch

1001 W. Lincoln Hwy., Schererville, IN 46375
322-4731
www.lcplin.org/branches/ds.htm

Craft Table for Children
February 1-28 — All Day
Children of all ages are welcome to make a fun craft in the children's department during library open hours.

Kids' Art Club
Tuesday, February 3 — 4:30 p.m.
Wednesday, February 25 — 10:30 a.m.
Children in grades 2 through 6 will learn to draw and paint in this monthly club.

How to Make Your Dragon
Tuesday, February 3 — 6:30 p.m.
Teens (11 to 18) are invited to create a dancing dragon costume to help younger children welcome in the Chinese New Year.

Dynamite DUPLOs
Wednesday, February 4 — 10:30 a.m.
This 30 minute class for 2-5 year old children (accompanied by a caregiver) includes simple patterning and building activities with DUPLO blocks.

LEGO CLUB
Thursday, February 5 — 6:30 p.m.
Children in kindergarten to grade 6 will use their creativity to build unique projects with the library's LEGO bricks.

Teen Advisory Board
Wednesday, February 11 — 6:30 p.m.
Teens (11 to 18) are welcome to share in a snack and help us think about the design of the new teen area. *Registration is not required.*

Valentine's Party
Thursday, February 12 — 6:30 p.m.
School age children in kindergarten through grade 5 are invited to make homemade valentines, hear stories, and play games. Snacks will be served.

Winter Olympics for Teens
Tuesday, February 17 — 6:30 p.m.
Teens (11 to 19) will experience their own version of the Winter Olympics complete with opening ceremonies, competitions, and medal ceremonies.

Power Paws for Kids
Saturday, February 21 — 11 a.m.
Children of all ages will have the opportunity to read a library book to one of the registered Delta Society Pet Partner dogs (accompanied by their trainers). The dogs are provided through Power Paws for Kids, a non-profit organization. *Registration is not required.*

Chinese New Year Celebration
Saturday, February 21 — 2 p.m.
School age children (kindergarten to grade 6) are welcome to ring in the 'Year of the Goat' and dance with the dragon costume created by our teens.

Lab Rat Tuesdays – Sink that Ship!
Tuesday, February 24 — 6:30 p.m.
Teens will learn how the Titanic sank, then design a vessel and test it on the raging ocean! Be prepared to get wet.

Griffith-Calumet Twshp. Branch

1215 E. 45th Ave., Griffith, IN 46319
838-2825
www.lcplin.org/branches/gr.htm

Art Club
Monday, February 2 — 6 p.m.
Kids (kindergarten to grade 5) will create a fun project and learn something new about art, featuring a Black history project and discuss African-American artists.

Teen Advisory Board Meeting
Thursday, February 5 — 3:45 p.m.
Teens will meet to plan future teen programs, earn volunteer hours, and have some delicious snacks.

Scrabble Night
Thursday, February 5 — 6 – 8 p.m.
All ages are invited to a fun evening of Scrabble – increase your vocabulary while having a great time. *Registration is not required.*

Cool Science Experiments for Teens
Wednesday, February 11 — 3:45 p.m.
Teens will work with batteries creating dancing hearts with experimentation in keeping with a Valentine's theme.

Picnic Movie Matinee
Saturday, February 14 — 12:30 p.m.
Families are welcome to bring a blanket and sack lunch to watch a classic tale about a princess and her amphibian prince. Rated G, 95 minutes. Cookies and lemonade provided.

LEGO Mania
Wednesday, February 18 — 4 p.m.
Children in kindergarten through grade 5 will build with the library's LEGO blocks.

Steam Team
Thursday, February 26 — 6 p.m.
Kids from 1st to 5th grades will learn about Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math in this fun class using games, experiment, and crafts to explore each topic.

Highland Branch

2841 Jewett St., Highland, IN 46322
838-2394
www.lcplin.org/branches/hi.htm

Teen Book Discussion
Wednesday, February 4 3:45 p.m.
In *Dealing with Dragons Novel* by Patricia C. Wrede, Cimorene is so bored that she runs away to live with a dragon and finds the adventure she's been looking for. *Registration is not required.*

Family LEGO
Saturday, February 7 2 p.m.
It's 'Take Your Child to the Library Day,' and all are invited to bring their children to the library to help them build fabulous LEGO or Mega Blok structures.

Family Story Hour
Tuesdays, February 10 & 24 6:30 p.m.
Families with children 3 to 6 years of age will enjoy stories, finger plays, music, and a craft.

LEGO Club
Wednesday, February 11 3:30 p.m.
School age children (kindergarten to grade 6) will free build or build the 'challenge' project with the library's LEGO blocks. Constructions will be on display until next month's meeting. Parents of children through grade 2 should plan to assist their child. We happily accept donations of LEGO building blocks to add to our collection.

School Age Sweet Treat Valentines
Friday, February 13 2 p.m.
School age children, grades 2 and up, will decorate edible valentines.

Teen Movie ROAST
Saturday, February 14 2-4 p.m.
Teens will celebrate Valentine's Day without the romance by helping us ROAST a popular movie about princesses and snowmen. *Registration is not required.*

Teen Anime Club
Tuesday, February 17 6 p.m.
If you are a fan of Anime or Manga, come in to watch an episode or two of a popular new series and vote on what we will watch for the rest of the year. Snacks provided. *Registration is not required.*

Teen Advisory Board
Wednesday, February 18 3:45 p.m.
Snacks will be served and plans will be made by teens for upcoming projects. Bring your ideas and be prepared for a fun time. *Registration is not required.*

Hobart Branch

100 N. Main St., Hobart, IN 46342
942-2243
www.lcplin.org/branches/ho.htm

LEGO Night
Tuesday, February 3 6 p.m.
Children in kindergarten to grade 6 will use their imagination to create structures using LEGO bricks.

'Tweens
Tuesday, February 10 6 p.m.
'Tweens, 9 to 12 years of age, will create a unique craft and discuss ideas for future programs.

Colors!
Tuesday, February 17 6 p.m.
Children in kindergarten to grade 6 will make a colorful craft and hear a seasonal story.

Teen Advisory Board Meeting
Monday, February 23 3 p.m.
Teens and 'tweens (ages 12 and up) are invited to join T.A.B. To plan future programs, talk about books they have read, and earn volunteer hours. Snacks will be served.

Lake Station-New Chicago Branch

2007 Central Avenue, Lake Station, IN 46405
962-2409
www.lcplin.org/branches/lsnc.htm

Valentine's Day Mobiles
Wednesday, February 4 6 p.m.
Children in kindergarten to grade 5 will create Valentine mobiles. All supplies will be on hand and refreshments will be served.

Family Story Time
Thursday, February 5 10:30 a.m.
Families and caregivers with children ages 5 and under are invited to a story time that includes stories, songs, finger plays, and a simple craft.

Super 'Tweens
Wednesday, February 18 6 p.m.
'Tweens, 9 to 13 years of age, will have fun making Puffy Paint Window Clings. Refreshments will be served.

LEGO Night
Wednesday, February 25 6 p.m.
Children in kindergarten and up will create their own LEGO designs. Refreshments will be served.

Merrillville Branch

1919 W. 81st Ave., Merrillville, IN 46410
769-3541
www.lcplin.org/branches/cnl.htm

Craft Table for Children
February 1-28 All Day
Children of all ages are welcome to make a craft in the children's department during library open hours.

Board Game Fun
Wednesday, February 4 6:30 p.m.
Children in grades 2 to 5 will meet to play fun board games. Family members are welcome to join in!

LEGO Club
Monday, February 9 4 p.m.
Children in grades 2 through 6 will have fun making their own unique LEGO creations. The only requirement is imagination!

Hugs & Kisses
Thursday, February 12 4 p.m.
Children in kindergarten to grade 5 will celebrate Valentine's Day through stories, games, and a craft.

Gaming Night
Wednesday, February 18 6 p.m.
Children in kindergarten through grade 5 are invited to play *Wii, PlayStation 2*, and board games. Snacks will be served.

Happy Chinese New Year
Thursday, February 19 4 p.m.
Children in kindergarten to grade 5 will celebrate the Chinese New Year with crafts, games, and more!

Munster Branch

8701 Calumet Ave., Munster, IN 46321
836-8450
www.lcplin.org/branches/mu.htm

Debunking the Presidents: Folklore Behind American Leaders
Wednesdays, February 4 & 11 4 p.m.
Children in kindergarten and older will look at the myths and legends of former U.S. Presidents. In the final two weeks of this series, we will take an in depth look at Benjamin Harrison (from Indiana) and Barack Obama (from Illinois) to determine if the legends are true.

Power Paws for Reading
Thursday, February 5 6 p.m.
Power Paws for Kids is a unique program where children are matched up with a dog and a volunteer to practice reading aloud. All levels of readers are welcome.

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LEGO Building
Thursday, February 12 **3-7 p.m.**
Young LEGO enthusiasts, kindergarten and up, are invited to stop by any time from 3 to 7 pm for some creative building time with other kids. Participants will construct LEGO blocks, then share their creations with the group.

St. John Branch

9450 Wicker Avenue, St. John, IN 46373
365-5379
www.lcplin.org/branches/sj.htm

Happy Chinese New Year
Thursday, February 5 **4:30 p.m.**
Children in kindergarten to grade 5 will celebrate the Chinese New Year playing games, learning about the traditions, and making a craft.

Take Your Child to the Library Day
Saturday, February 7 **11 a.m.**
Come join us for an hour filled with stories, crafts, and other activities.

Anti-Valentine's Day Party
Thursday, February 12 **6 -7:30 p.m.**
Teens (6th to 12th grades) can un-celebrate Valentine's Day while making anti-conversation hearts, a goth sock puppet, and play some games. Please bring a black or white sock for the puppet. Snacks will be served.

Once Upon a Fairy Tale
Tuesday, February 24 **4:30 p.m.**
Children in kindergarten through grade 5 will celebrate Wilhelm Grimm's birthday with stories, games, and by making a fairy tale craft.

Family Story Time
Wednesday, February 25 **6:30 p.m.**
Children and their families will participate in stories, crafts, and other activities.

Power Paws for Kids
Saturday, February 28 **11 a.m.**
Children of all ages will enjoy reading to Power Paws service dogs.

Featured Database
ScienceFlix
Learning and Research Center

Learn about any topic that interests you, or find the information you need for school projects or to help you run your business. LCPL is pleased to provide databases, newspapers, magazines, and encyclopedias that will help you learn more about any topic. You can browse databases by topic, or by the intended audience.

ScienceFlix is a great way to learn more about different areas of science inside the classroom and at home. Explore units on Earth Science, Technology and Engineering, Space, Biology, and Physics, each complete with articles, videos, quizzes, and experiments.

ScienceFlix is structured using topical units with different reading levels in each resource to make it easier for teachers to teach the whole class, too. Tablet ready, this database contains everything you need to make learning science immersive and fun! Get Started.

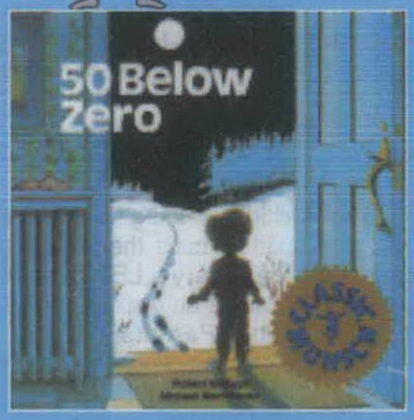
If your school is not one of those partnered with Lake County Public Library, tell your administration you're interested! Partnering with the library means that you get a Digital Access Card so you can use library resources right away from any location without ever setting foot in one of our buildings.

Research for Projects and Homework

We have a fine selection of databases for your research needs. English paper coming up? Gotcha covered. Science project? No problem. Anything you need to learn about, you can find it here.

Check out our website... free eBooks for kids!

TumbleBook™ Library



Late one night, Jason gets woken up and discovers that his house is going CRRAAAZY! Jason's dad walks in his sleep, and Jason finds him in the most unlikely places! What do you do when you find your father sleeping on top of the refrigerator? Or sleeping in the bathtub? Read on, and find out what Jason does! *50 Below Zero* is a classic Robert Munsch story, and a favourite with children everywhere!

Author:
Munsch, Robert
Illustrator:
Martchenko, Michael

Reading Level:
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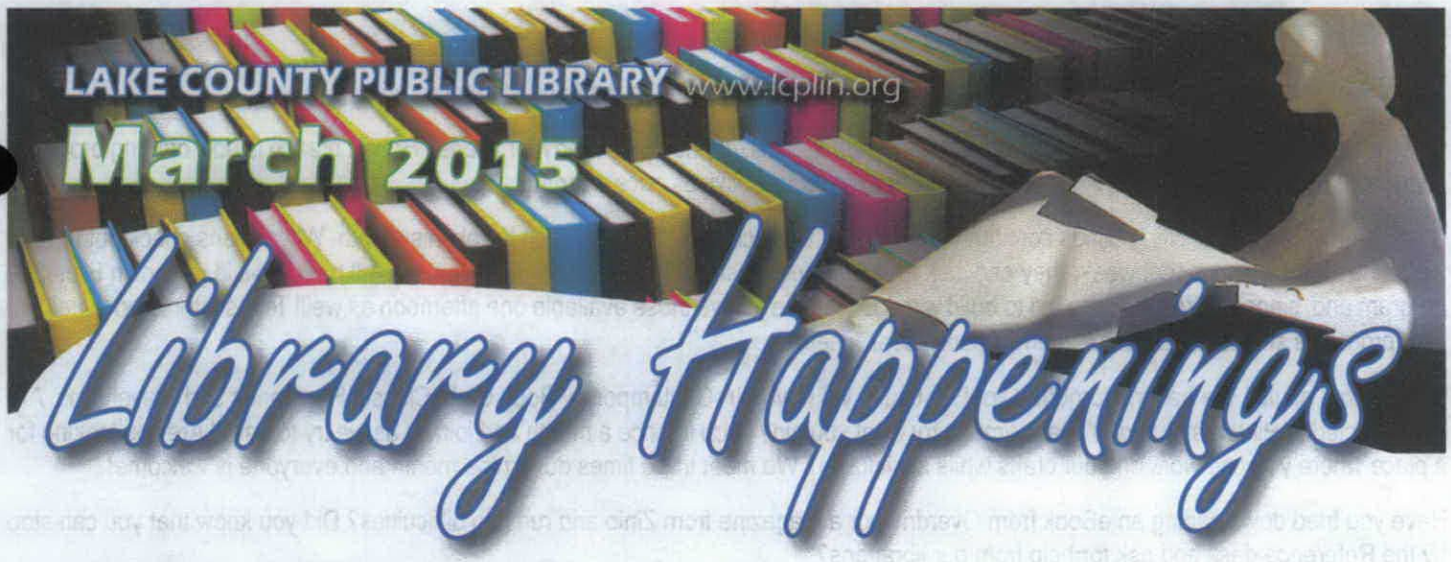
Lexile: AD290L

Registration required for all programs by phone or online except where noted.



What can I do at My Library?

Have you taken a look lately at what the Hobart Branch Library has to offer? We've been adding many new programs as well as bringing back one that you may have missed! We offer something for everyone, no matter how old they may be.

In the children's department, Mother Goose on the Loose will be returning this month. Babies and a caregiver will enjoy this half hour program of songs, nursery rhymes and books, all focused on developing early literacy skills. We are offering a Friday morning Toddler Time, in addition to our Mondays, where 2-3 year olds and their caregiver will enjoy stories, rhymes and a simple craft. And don't forget our 4-5 year olds, who now meet on Mondays for books, songs, crafts and more. All our preschool programming is aimed at developing those important early pre-literacy skills and equipping parents to continue the fun and learning at home!

Since we're talking about preschoolers, this month, we are offering a computer class for parents about databases the library has available for children. Join us to learn about Tumblebooks and National Geographic Kids!

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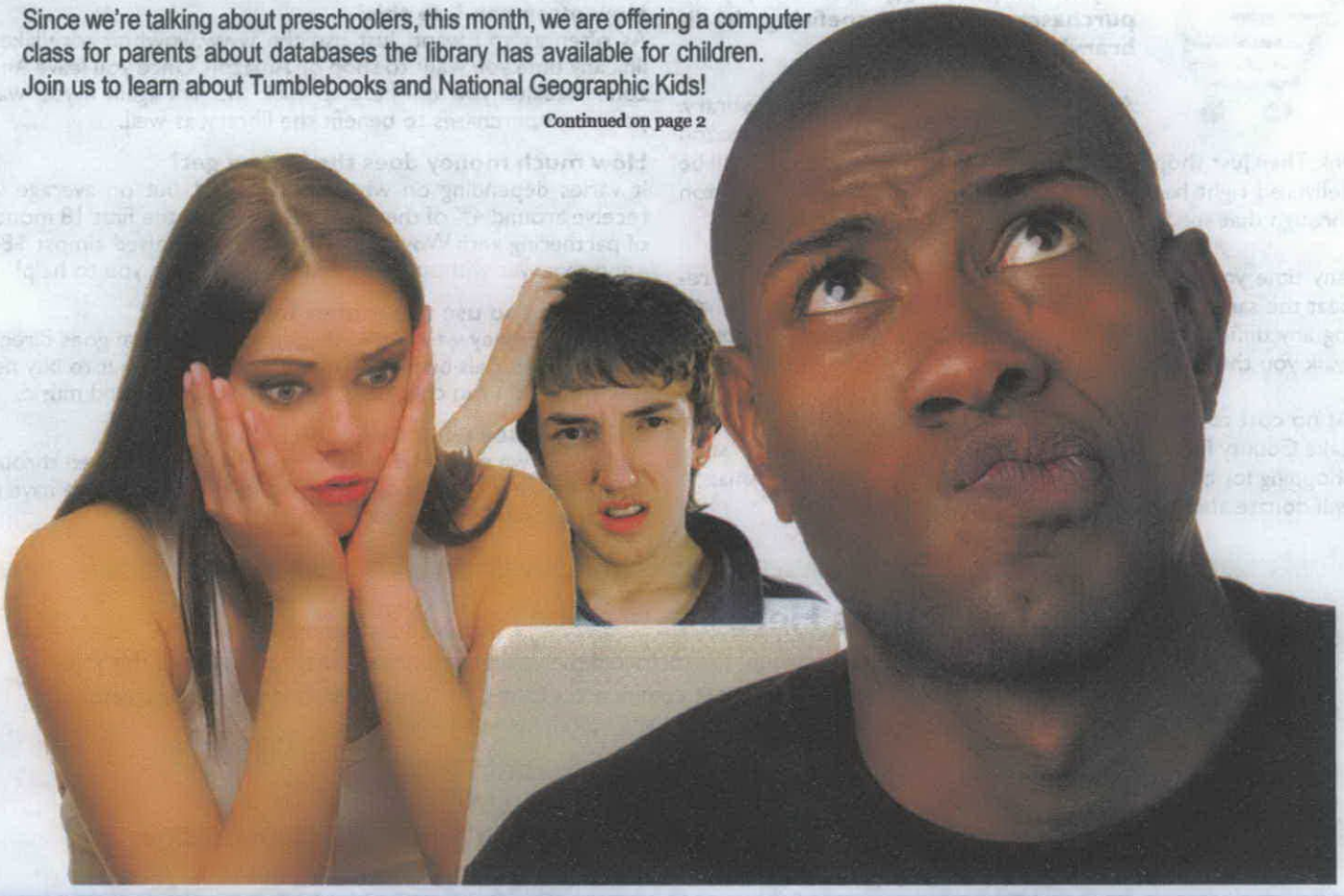

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Our school age children have monthly LEGO building evenings, in addition to craft and story programs.

Does your 4th to 6th grader feel too old for the children's programs, but not quite ready for Teens? Hobart branch is now offering programming for Tweens! Children ages 9-12 will have their own special activities once a month.

Our teens have some exciting things coming! We are going to be celebrating Teen Tech Week this month. When teens check out materials at the Hobart branch that week, they can pick from a variety of small prizes. Also, that week, we will have a build your own Brushbot program and, since you're never too old to build with LEGOs, we'll have those available one afternoon as well! Teens interested in helping plan programs should come to our Teen Advisory Board meeting.

Don't worry, adults! We haven't forgotten you! As usual, we have our Contemporary Book Club, Classic Film series and Travel films. Are you addicted to Pinterest, but don't have time to try what you pin? Drop in once a month and join us as we try to nail it! Are you looking for a place where you can work on your crafts while socializing? We meet three times during the month and everyone is welcome!

Have you tried downloading an eBook from Overdrive or a magazine from Zinio and run into difficulties? Did you know that you can stop by the Reference desk and ask for help from our librarians?

Did you see something you're interested in? All the dates and times are here in the Happenings. And if you aren't a Hobart branch library patron, we're sure that your branch has some great offerings as well!

By Holly Koster, Branch Manager and Erika Stolarz, Branch Librarian, Hobart Branch Library

Support the Library by Shopping on Amazon

If you shop through Amazon, your purchases could be benefiting the library!

All you have to do is go to www.wowbrary.org/lakeco and click the Shop at Amazon link. Then just shop as usual! A portion of what you spend will be delivered right back to the library since you accessed Amazon through that special link.

Any time you want your purchases to help the library, just repeat the same steps. It makes a big difference! And if you're having any difficulty, please contact your library. We'd be happy to walk you through it!

At no cost to you, your purchases at Amazon.com can help the Lake County Public Library and Wowbrary. Whenever you start shopping for books, movies, electronics, gifts, and more Amazon will donate about 7.5% of your purchases to us.

Frequently Asked Questions

What will this cost me?
There is no additional charge! Anything you might purchase when shopping on Amazon to support the library will cost exactly the same as it would if you were shopping on Amazon normally.

How often can I do this?
As often as you want! Just use the www.wowbrary.org/lakeco link any time you want to shop on Amazon. Once you leave Amazon's website, you will have to click the link again if you want your next purchases to benefit the library, as well.

How much money does the library get?
It varies depending on what is purchased, but on average we receive around 4% of the cost of the item. In the first 18 months of partnering with Wowbrary to do this, we raised almost $800 - and that was without even asking patrons like you to help!

What do you use the money for?
All of the money we receive through this program goes directly into our materials budget. That means we only use it to buy new items that you can check out, like books, movies, and music.

...Can you see what I've been buying?
No! When we receive the report of what we've earned through this program, all data is aggregated and anonymized. We have no way of knowing who is purchasing what.

Tax Season is Here

Please note that the government has restricted the variety of forms we may have on hand this year. All locations will still carry the most common tax forms. For tax preparation assistance please visit www.nwi 211.com, enter your zip code, and search keyword "tax."

Federal Tax Forms http://www.irs.gov/Forms-&-Pubs
Indiana Tax Forms http://www.in.gov/dor/3489.htm
Other State Taxes http://www.taxadmin.org/fta/link/default.php?lnk=2

Ask a Librarian

Q: I would like the library to purchase a book, audiobook, Music CD, or DVD. How do I do that?

A: Library members with Full Access library cards can put in requests for the library to buy an item that is new (the release/publication date is last year, this year, or possibly next year) through the catalog. There are in depth instructions complete with pictures on the library's website under "Read" > "Purchase Suggestions." At the bottom of the page there are instructions on requesting downloadable books and audiobooks. If the item you are looking for is not new, you can try an Interlibrary Loan (ILL) request. Instructions for ILL are also included under "Read" > "Purchase Suggestions."

Branch Library Happenings

Cedar Lake Branch

10010 E. 133rd Ave., Cedar Lake, IN 46303
374-7121
www.lcplin.org/branches/cl.htm

Teens Snack & Plan
Monday, March 2 — 4 p.m.

Teen members of T.A.B. (11 and older) and those wishing to join will have fun while earning volunteer hours.

Crochet @ Your Library
Monday, March 2 — 7 p.m.

Learn beginning stitches while working on a simple project. Bring a skein of 100% cotton yarn and a size H crochet hook.

History on Film
Tuesday, March 10 — 2 p.m.

Travel back a few years in this documentary about the amazing turnaround of a high school basketball team, its coach, and one particularly resilient and amazing player. Rated PG 13, run time 98 minutes.

Pi Day Feast & Fun
Tues. & Wed., March 10 & 11 — 4 p.m.

Teens will celebrate the never-ending number – and Einstein's birthday, too! Make a variety of pi(e)s, edible or not. Play Pi(e) games for prizes (at least 3.14).

Books & Chat
Wednesday, March 18 — 6:30 p.m.

Readers will discuss *Defending Jacob* by William Landay, a compelling story of a District Attorney's teenage son accused of killing a classmate and his father's attempts to prove his innocence.

Travel the World Without Leaving Home
Tuesday, March 24 — 2 p.m.

Enjoy armchair travel via the library's big screen to the Emerald Island of Ireland, home of legends, music, poetry, and dance.

Teen GameFest
Wednesday, March 25 — 3-5 p.m.

Teens will play *Wii, PlayStation,* and/or board games. Snacks and drinks provided.

March 1st to 31st Online!

BOOKreMARKS Online

This is a month-long, online book discussion available to anyone, anywhere, at any time of day through email of: *O Pioneers!* By Willa Cather, the story of a young swedish immigrant girl who inherits her father's farm and must transform it from raw prairie into a prosperous enterprise. It is the first of Cather's great heriones – all of women of strong will and even stronger desire to overcome adversity and succeed. But the wild land itself is an equally important 'character' in Cather's books, and her descriptions of it are evocative, lush, and moving.

To join the discussion send an email to remarks@lcplin.org.

TeenReads Online Book Discussion

Teens can participate in this month-long, online book discussion available at any time of day from anywhere of the novel: *The House of the Scorpion* by Nancy Farmer, Matteo Alacran was not born, he was harvested with the DNA from El Patron, lord of a county called Opium. Can a boy who was bred to guarantee another's survival find his own purpose in life? And can he ever be free?

To join email teenreads@lcplin.org. Call 219-769-3541 Ext. 335 for more information.

Branch Library Happenings

Dyer-Schererville Branch

1001 W. Lincoln Hwy., Schererville, IN 46375
322-4731
www.lcplin.org/branches/ds.htm

Personalized Reading Suggestions
Mon. to Sat., Mar. 2-31 By Appointment
Whether looking for a good book, interested in discovering new genres, or in need of suggestions for your book club, call to schedule an appointment with a reader's adviser.

Independent Film
Monday, March 2 — 1 p.m.
A popular professional dancer with a bum leg falls for a prostitute, but a series of bad decisions has them running for their lives. The film is not rated; adults only; in French and Arabic with subtitles; run time 101 minutes. *Registration is not required.*

Blood Pressure Screenings
Tuesday, March 3 — 10:30 a.m.
Free blood pressure screenings are offered by medical representatives. *Registration is not required.*

Book Bingo
Wednesday, March 4 — 5:30 p.m.
Adults, teens and children are invited to play Bingo to win books.

Stamp Class
Tuesday, March 10 — 6:30 p.m.
Participants will work on projects created with designer paper, ink, and rubber stamps. There is a $5 fee to cover the cost of materials provided due at the time of class. Please bring a glue stick.

Teen Advisory Board
Wednesday, March 11 — 6:30 p.m.
Teens (11 to 18) are invited to share a snack and help us decorate the teen area with high-tech and low-tech art. *Registration is not required.*

Choose Your Faction – *Divergent* Party
Tuesday, March 17 — 6-8 p.m.
Teens (11 to18) will test their aptitude for Amity, Dauntless, Abnegation, Candor, and Erudite in a night of *Divergent*-themed fun (including Dauntless cake).

Virtual Tourist
Wednesday, March 18 — 7 p.m.
Journey to a country where few have traveled – Iran – as we also partake in a local snack for this Mideast land. *Registration is not required.*

Teen Crafting
Monday, March 23 — 2 p.m.
Teens (11 to 18) are invited to drop in, munch on snacks, and create a 'stained glass' work of art during spring break.

Lab Rat Tuesday's -Rocket Launch
Tuesday, March 24 — 6:30 p.m.
Teens (11 to 18) are welcome to a night of figuring out rocket power with three very different rocketing objects. *Registration is not required.*

Between the Lines
Wednesday, March 25 — 7 p.m.
or Thursday, March 26 — 10:15 a.m.
Earl's All-You-Can-Eat is home away from home for an inseparable trio in 1960s Plainview, IN, where they gather each Sunday for food, gossip, tears, and uproarious banter. Read to discuss *The Supremes at Earl's All-You-Can-Eat* by Edward Kelsey Moore.

Griffith-Calumet Twshp. Branch

1215 E. 45th Ave., Griffith, IN 46319
838-2825
www.lcplin.org/branches/gr.htm

Paper Creations
Tuesday, March 3 — 1 p.m.
With professional assistance design personalized cards and other paper creations with paper, rubber stamps, and ink. There is a $5 fee to cover materials due at the time of class. Bring tape and scissors & be sure to register.

StoryLovers Book Group
Tuesday, March 3 — 5:30 p.m.
or Wednesday, March 4 — 10:30 a.m.
Read to discuss *In the Land of Blue Burqas*, the true story of a author Kate McCord's quest to teach Christianity to women in Afghanistan.

Thursday Threaders
Thursdays, March 5 to 26 — 10:30 a.m.
Every or any Thursday bring and work on your own project while enjoying the company of others.

T A B Meeting
Thursday, March 5 — 3:45 p.m.
Teens are invited to participate in the Teen Advisory Board with snacks to share and plans to make.

Saturday Scrappers
Saturday, March 7 — 11 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Join this gathering to chat with other like-minded scrap booking friends while working on your own scrap book.

Mystery Loves Co. Discussion
Monday, March 9 — 1 p.m.
Read to discuss *The Good Nurse* by Charles Graber, a true story of Charlie Cullen who was dubbed 'The Angel of Death' by the media when he became implicated in the murders of as many as 300 patients.

Teen Tech Week: Little Bits
Monday, March 9 — 3:45 p.m.
Teens (6th to 12th grades) will have fun learning about circuits and electronics while playing with Little Bits.

Great Decisions Discussion Group: Privacy in the Digital Age
Tuesdays, March 10 & 24 — 6:30 -8 p.m.
Legislation, both at home and abroad, hasn't been able to keep up the pace with technological developments, leaving some wondering if privacy as we know it is long dead.

LEGO Robotics Presentation by Teens
Thursday, March 12 — 6 p.m.
Teens Emily and Erica explain the LEGO Robotics team and demonstrate their robotic creations. *Registration is not required.*

Herb Gardening
Monday, March 16 — 7 p.m.
Learn to cultivate and harvest favorite herbs such as rosemary, thyme, and parsley in this informative presentation by Master Gardener Linda Lerch.

Blood Pressure Screening
Tuesday, March 17 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Free blood pressure screenings are offered by medical professionals.

Movie Wednesday
Wednesday, March 18 — 2 p.m.
After a disastrous blind date, single parents agree on only one thing: they never want to see each other again. Starring Drew Barrymore and Adam Sandler; rated PG-13; run time 117 minutes.

History Through Music Series
Thursday, March 19 — 6:30 p.m.
This month's session will feature songs from the Celtic and Irish genre with folk singer/songwriter Scott Larson. It's sure to be a lively atmosphere...maybe even room for a jig & reel!

Teen *Divergent* Event
Monday, March 23 — 3:45 p.m.
Teens are invited to celebrate the premiere of *Insurgent* with a *Divergent* series party with games and refreshments. Bring a plain canvas tote or shirt to decorate.

Moon Called Book Discussion
Monday, March 23 — 6:30 p.m.
In a mix of action, mystery, fairy and urban fantasy, *Rosemary & Rue* by Seanan McGuire is a fast paced ride through the streets, parks, and cliffs of San Francisco.

Registration required for all programs by phone or online except where noted.

Time to Travel
Wednesday, March 25 6 p.m.
Travel Madison, Indiana on the banks of the Ohio River, then to the Hocking Hills region in Ohio, and settle in for the fun of a ragtime Old-Time Piano Playing Contest in Peoria, Illinois! *Registration is not required.*

Graphic Novel Book Club
Thursday, March 26 5:30 p.m.
Teen fans of graphic novels are invited to discuss *Jimmy Corrigan: The Smartest Kid on Earth* by Chris Ware.

Book Buddies
Monday, March 30 4 p.m.
Read to discuss *The Flight of Gemma Hardy* by Margot Livesey about an au pair on a remote island who faces her biggest challenge in this modern take on the Charlotte Bronte classic, *Jane Eyre*.

Highland Branch
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838-2394
www.lcplin.org/branches/hi.htm

History on Film
Monday, March 2 2 p.m. & 6:30 p.m.
Rare footage reveals the defining moments of Dwight D. Eisenhower's life – from military victories to his presidential inauguration. *Registration is not required.*

Teen Book Discussion
Wednesday, March 4 3:45 p.m.
From the award-winning author of *So B. It, Pie* by Sarah Weeks, is a story about family, friendship, and ... pie! This acclaimed author has 'baked' up a sweet and satisfying delight! *Registration is not required.*

Teen Cosmic Cafe: Cosmology & Astronomy
Monday, March 9 6 p.m.
Teens will talk with Dr. Kory Stiffler about the workings of the universe and what physics, quantum mechanics, astronomy, and cosmology can tell us about reality and ourselves in this lively event. *Registration is not required.*

Fiction Book Discussion
Tuesday, March 10 2 p.m.
Author Helen Wicker weaves strands of Yiddish and Middle Eastern literature, historical fiction, and magical fable in *The Golem and the Jinni*, the story of a chance meeting of mystical beings. *Registration is not required.*

Alzheimer's Association Presentation
Wednesday, March 11 1:30-3 p.m.
'Healthy Habits for a Healthy You' is designed to help people develop proper habits for proper brain and heart health that can contribute to risk reduction of dementia. *Registration is not required.*

Highland Crime Watch Meeting
Wednesday, March 11 6:30 p.m.
The crime watch meeting is presented by Corporal Shawn Adnerson (sanderson@highland.in.gov) & Officer Brandon Norris (bnorris@highland.in.gov) of the Highland Police Department. *Registration is not required.*

Teen PokÃ© mon Trading Card Game Night
Thursday, March 12 6 p.m.
Bring your cards and prove who is the best Trainer by sending your Pokémon into battle. Also open to teens (10 and up) who have not played Pokémon before. *Registration is not required.*

Travel by Film
Monday, March 16 2 p.m. & 6:30 p.m.
Mauritius is truly a tropical island paradise in the center of the Indian Ocean. See the white sand beaches, coconut palm trees, emerald sugar cane plantations, colorful Hindu temple, and so much more. *Registration is not required.*

Teen Anime Club
Tuesday, March 17 6 p.m.
Teens interested in Anime or Manga are invited to the Highland Branch Anime Club. Snacks provided. *Registration is not required.*

Teen Advisory Board
Wednesday, March 18 3:45 p.m.
Snacks will be served and plans will be made by teens for upcoming projects. Bring your ideas and be prepared for fun. *Registration is not required.*

Stamp Camp
Wednesday, March 18 6:30 p.m.
With professional assistance, participants will design and complete customized greeting cards and more. There is a $5 fee to cover the cost of materials provided due at the time of class.

Inspirational Book Discussion
Thursday, March 19 2 p.m.
The Miting by Dee Yoder is an honest portrayal of what Amish life is like when someone questions their faith, an enlightening story of a culture and a young girl's determination to live her faith whatever the cost. *Registration is not required.*

Garden Myths and Mistakes
Thursday, March 19 3:45 p.m.
Master Gardener Gale Candiano presents a class on the myths and mistakes of gardening.

Classic/Feature Film
Monday, March 23 1 p.m. & 6 p.m.
The team of people who saved the dolphin named Winter reassemble to find her a companion. Starring Ashley Judd, Morgan Freeman and Harry Connick, Jr., the film is rated PG, run time 107 minutes. *Registration is not required.*

Teen: Magic the Gathering
Wednesday, March 25 3:45 p.m.
Bring your cards and pit your wits against other 'Magic' players. Also open to teens (11 and up) who have not played 'Magic' before. *Registration is not required.*

Once Upon a Crime
Thursday, March 26 7 p.m.
Tamarack County by William Kent Krueger is a suspenseful novel, heightened by isolating blizzards and the eerie presence of a stalker. At its center is the disappearance of a local retired judge in Minnesota. *Registration is not required.*

Classic/Feature Film
Monday, March 30 2 p.m. & 6 p.m.
James Stewart stars as a whimsical middle-aged man whose best friend is a six-foot rabbit that only he can see. This 1950 film is not rated; run time 104 minutes. *Registration is not required.*

Hobart Branch
100 N. Main St., Hobart, IN 46342
942-2243
www.lcplin.org/branches/ho.htm

Computer Class: Library Databases for Children
Mon., March 2 10:30 a.m. or 1:30 p.m.
Adults will learn about two library databases designed for children: *Tumblebooks* and *National Geographic Kids*.

Travel to Scotland
Tuesday, March 3 2 p.m.
Explore Edinburgh, St. Andrews, Crail, Dundee, Glamis Castle, Whisky tour, Loch Ness, Inveraray, Lock Lomond, Callander and more.

Teen Tech Week
Mon.-Fri., March 9-13 All Day
Celebrate Teen Tech Week! Teens that check out materials at the Hobart Branch during this week can collect a small prize at the circulation desk!

Classic Movie Series
Tuesday, March 10 2 p.m.
Neurotic New York comedian Alvy, Singer, falls in love with the ditsy Annie Hall in this 1977 romantic comedy, rated PG, 93 minutes run time.

Teen Tech Week: Build a BrushBot
Tuesday, March 10 3 p.m.
Teens are invited to build their own BrushBot. All materials provided.

Teen Tech Week: LEGOs for Teens
Wednesday, March 11 3 p.m.
Teens can use their imagination to building something unique with LEGOs.

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Branch Library Happenings

Stitch and Chat
Wednesday, March 11 & 25 6:30 p.m.
Bring your crochet, knitting, needlework, or any other craft project and create while enjoying the company of other crafters. Need to learn? Come along and we'll get you started.

Teen Advisory Board Meeting
Monday, March 16 3 p.m.
Teens and 'tweens (ages 12 and up) are invited to plan future programs, talk about books, and earn volunteer hours. Snacks served.

Contemporary Book Club
Tuesday, March 17 10:30 a.m.
In this chilling true story a master builder and a young doctor are both obsessed with the Chicago's 1893 World's Fair – one in designing, the other in luring young women to their deaths. Read to discuss *Devil in the White City* by Erik Larson.

Found on Pinterest!
Tuesday, March 17 1-3 p.m.
Drop in to make a project found on Pinterest and let's see if we can nail it! All supplies provided.

Sit and Stitch
Tuesday, March 24 1-3 p.m.
Bring your current project to share and work on in the library. No rules, just fun! Drop in for as long as you can and leave when you must.

Lake Station-New Chicago
2007 Central Avenue, Lake Station, IN 46405
962-2409
www.lcplin.org/branches/lsnc.htm

English as a Second Language
Mon. & Wed., Mar. 2 to 30 4 to 8 p.m.
Neighbors' Educational Opportunities offers afternoon and evening English language classes for learning English as their second language free of charge. To register call 219-850-4448 or visit www.neoadulted.org.

Book Chat
Thursday, March 5 10 a.m.
Married to a Yankee during the turbulent civil war, a young bride seeks refuge in a Shaker community. Check out *Christmas at Harmony Hill* by Ann Gabhart – read it – have opinion- eat snacks.

Coffee, Donuts & a Movie
Wednesday, March 11 10:30 a.m.
The caretaker of an Irish Governor's estate falls down a well and lands in the land of the leprechauns. The film stars Sean Connery, Albert Sharpe, and Janet Munroe. *Registration is not required.*

Movie Wednesday
Wednesday, March 11 2 p.m.
Sylvester Stallone stars as the title character in this classic boxing film; rated PG, 120 minutes run time. Refreshments served. *Registration is not required.*

Family Nutrition Planning
Friday, March 13 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.
The Family Nutrition Adviser from Purdue Cooperative Extension demonstrates a variety of food and nutrition topics. She will show participants how to prepare quick, tasty, and healthy low-cost foods.

Teen Gaming
Tuesday, March 17 6 p.m.
Teens are invited to play video games on the *Wii* and *PlayStation*, as well as board games. Snacks provided.

Computer Class: Navigating the Net
Tuesday, March 24 & 31 1:30 p.m.
Beginners will learn how to find information on the Internet using Google and Yahoo. Basic mouse skills required.

Computer Class: eBooks
Wednesday, March 25 2 p.m.
Library patrons will learn how to pick, reserve, and download eBooks.

Teens and Zooinverse
Thursday, March 26 2 p.m.
Teens will use the library's computer lab to explore *Zooinverse*.

Spring Break Movie
Saturday, March 28 2 p.m.
Subterranean trolls raise an orphaned boy, who helps them fight against an evil exterminator and make peace with the fearful residents of an upper-crust Victorian-era town. Released in 2014, rated PG with a run time of 100 minutes. *Registration is not required.*

Merrillville Branch
1919 W. 81st Ave., Merrillville, IN 46410
769-3541
www.lcplin.org/branches/cnl.htm

Ask Me! I Work Here!
Mondays, March 2 to 30 2-4 p.m.
Library staff will be available to answer your questions about library materials that should work on your computer or portable device. Bring in your electronics and let's figure out the answer to your question.

English as a Second Language
Mon. & Wed., Mar 2 to 18 6:30 p.m.
English classes (free of charge) are provided for those who are learning English as their second language, including speaking, reading, and writing. Different levels of instruction are offered. Contact Literacy Coordinator Rosella Garcia at Ext. 336.

ICE: A New Approach to Parenting Workshop
Tuesday, March 10 6-8 p.m.
Learn about the ICE Project (Inspire, Create, Excite) which is designed to increase positive service delivery among organizations that service families. Ext. 335

Circle of Readers Book Discussion
Thursday, March 12 6:15 p.m.
Readers will discuss *Mennonite in a Little Black Dress* by Rhoda Janzen, a moving (and hilarious) memoir about a woman who returns home to her close-knit Mennonite family after a personal crisis. *Registration is not required.*

Movie Time
Saturday, March 14 1 p.m.
From a childhood of poverty to his emergence as the Godfather of Soul, this biopic of James Brown is a story of talent and determination. Rated PG-13; run time 138 minutes. Ext. 338

Teen Anime Club
Tuesday, March 17 6 p.m.
Teens (13 to 18) will view the first three episodes of an Anime series following a teenage girl who is chosen as a guardian of justice and sent to locate a mysterious artifact to save Earth. *Registration is not required.*

Ask Me About Genealogy
Thursday, March 26 1-3 p.m.
Library staff are available to help with your family history questions and research in the Genealogy room with obituary indexes, yearbooks, cemetery indexes, genealogy databases and much more. Ext. 336

Introduction to Alzheimer's Disease
Friday, March 27 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Join this free informational and interactive session focusing on understanding the disease process of progressive dementia. A light lunch is provided at 11:30am followed by a session on advanced issues and strategies. Register by calling 1-888-303-0180.

Rubber Stamp Class
Saturday, March 28 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.
With professional assistance, create greeting cards and other fun projects. There is a $10 fee due at the time of class to cover the cost of supplies. Be sure to register to ensure available supplies. Ext. 212

"Winter" Movie Singalong
Saturday, March 28 2:15 p.m.
All ages can sing along to songs from a popular movie about a land where winter is brought on suddenly by a magical sister. Children under 7 must be accompanied by an adult.

Munster Branch
8701 Calumet Ave., Munster, IN 46321
836-8450
www.lcplin.org/branches/mu.htm

The Vikings
Tuesday, March 3 6:30 p.m.
In conjunction with the Nordikfolk Lodge #761 of the Vasa Order of America, the library offers *The Vikings*, A Great Courses dvd lecture series: *Viking Assault on Ireland and Norse Kings of Dublin and Ireland*. Each lecture is ½ hour in length.

First Person Singular Book Discussion
Wednesday, March 4 7 p.m.
In these book discussions led by Assistant Professor Valerie Pennanen of Calumet College of St. Joseph, participants will read, analyze, and learn from *First Person Singular: A Collection of Autobiographical Accounts and Memoirs from Around the World.*

Classic Film
Monday, March 9 2 p.m.
Based on the true story of a small-town Indiana team that made the state finals in 1954, this movie stars Gene Hackman, Barbara Hershey, and Dennis Hopper. Rated PG; running time 114 minutes.

Independent Film
Tuesday, March 10 2 p.m. & 6:30 p.m.
A ruthless hit man encounters a blind girl who witnessed his assassination of her brother and the two attempt to navigate their dangerous next steps. The film is not rated; adults only; in Italian with English subtitles; run time 110 minutes.

Teen *Divergent* Party
Tuesday, March 17 3:15 p.m.
The Teen Advisory Board meeting will be followed by a *Divergent* party. Teens will take a quiz to determine which faction they fall into, then enjoy snacks, games, and a craft to celebrate the upcoming release of the next film, *Insurgent*.

Explore Brussels
Thursday, March 19 2 p.m. & 7 p.m.
Explore this capital of Belgium with sites that include the Grand Palace, City Hall, Menneken Pils, Parliament, museums and more.

Blood Pressure Screenings
Thursday, March 26 10 a.m. - Noon
A medical representative will provide free blood pressure screenings. *No appointments or registration needed.*

Thursday Afternoon Book Discussion
Thursday, March 26 1:30 p.m.
When King Henry becomes disenchanted with second wife, Anne Boleyn, the tension builds as she becomes ensnared in a conspiracy to find her guilty of treason. Read to discuss *Bring up the Bodies* by Hilary Mantel.

Great Books Discussion
Thursday, March 26 7 p.m.
Readers are invited to a discourse of *On Dreams* by Sigmund Freud, a selection from the fifth series of Great Books.

St. John Branch
9450 Wicker Avenue, St. John, IN 46373
365-5379
www.lcplin.org/branches/sj.htm

Teen Anime Club
Monday, March 2 4 p.m.
Teens (6th -12th grades) will view the first two episodes of a popular series, talk about anime, and have snacks. The show is rated TV Y-7.

Stamp Camp
Monday, March 2 6:30 p.m.
Express your creativity with decorative paper and rubber stamps. There is a $5 fee to cover the cost of materials provided due at the time of class.

Travel Film Series
Tuesday, March 3 2 p.m.
Journey to the Emerald Island of Ireland to see Dublin, Kilkenny, Killarney and more. Refreshments served.

Computer Class: Navigating the Net
Wednesday, March 4 10:30 a.m.
or Tuesday, March 10 6 p.m.
Beginners will learn how to find information on the Internet using the library's webpage, *Google*, and Yahoo with time to practice in class.

Sit & Stitch
Wednesdays, March 4 & 18 6:30 p.m.
Bring your crochet, knitting, or sewing project and gather with others who have a common thread.

Teen Tech Week Craft
Mon.-Fri., March 9 -13 All Day
All week teens can pick up a craft at our service desk and make it in the library.

Gardening Class
Monday, March 9 7 p.m.
The St. John Tree Board will discuss how to plant trees, what types to plant, and how to recognize problems with existing trees in this program co-hosted with the St. John Garden Club.

Computer Class: Email Essentials
Wednesday, March 11 10:30 a.m.
or Thursday, March 12 6 p.m.
Learn how to safely set-up a free email account to send and receive email safely with time to practice in class.

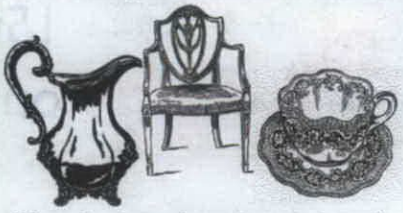
Page Turners Book Club
Wednesday, March 11 6:30 p.m.
Behind the Beautiful Forevers by Katherine Boo is a narrative that tells the dramatic stories of families striving toward a better life in Mumbai, India. Books are available for check-out at the circulation desk.

Social Media Savvy
Tuesday, March 17 6 p.m.
or Wednesday, March 18 10:30 a.m.
This class teaches the basics of signing up for the popular social media sites of *Twitter* and *Facebook*, along with hints on how to use them and stay secure.

Teen Afternoon Movie
Wednesday, March 25 2 p.m.
Teens (6th - 12th grades) will watch a new team of superheroes try to stop a villain from taking over the universe. Starring Chris Pratt and Zoe Saldana, the film is rated PG-13, run time 121 minutes.

Classic Film Series
Thursday, March 26 2 p.m.
In this tense drama starring Henry Fonda and Lee J. Cobb, one juror is determined to sway the opinions of the other eleven. This 1957 film is not rated; run time 96 minutes.

Featured Database: Antiques Reference



When cleaning out your basement or attic, have you ever come across something weird or just plain old and asked yourself: What is this thing? Could it be worth something?

p4a Antiques Reference database is where you can find the answers. This easily searchable online database edits information about collectibles, antiques and fine art provided by over 140 major U.S. auction companies. Updated daily, each record has at least one color picture, a description, the sale price and date, and auction house name and contact information. Biographical and historical reference notes are added to many of the records.

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The Lake County Public Library Foundation will be hosting their

15th annual Literary Tea this year on Saturday, April 11, 2015.

Jim Henry

The guest speaker will be playwright, screenwriter, and actor, Jim Henry. Mr. Henry is a Resident Playwright at Chicago Dramatists and Literary Manager at the Chicago Street Theatre in Valparaiso.

The event is open to anyone who would like to attend and will be held at the Radisson Hotel at Star Plaza, 800 East 81st Ave. (US 30), Merrillville. The afternoon includes a full tea with dessert starting at 1 p.m. The cost is $25 per person and reservations are required.

For information or to make a reservation, call 219-769-3541, ext,. 315.

The Library's Mission: The purpose of the Lake County Public Library is to provide the highest quality informational, educational, cultural, and recreational resources and services to residents of all ages in the Lake County Public Library district.

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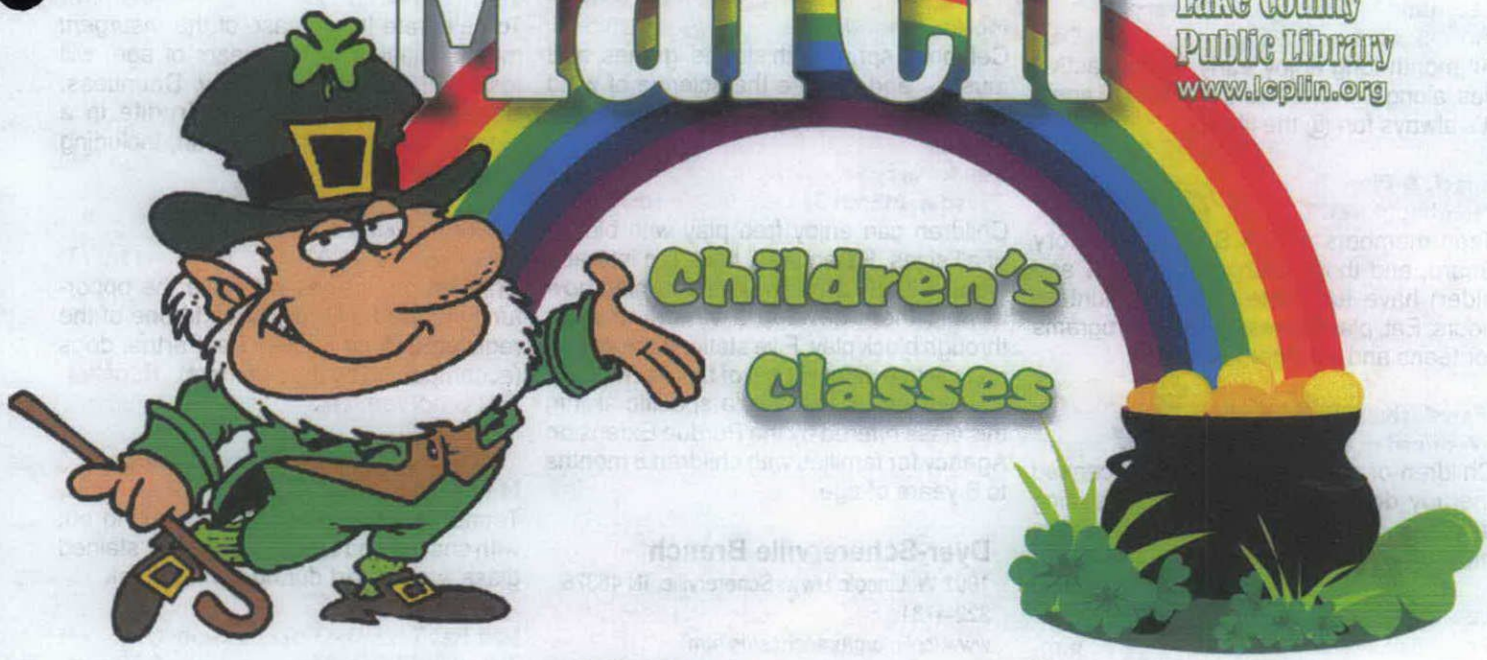

MOTHER GOOSE ON THE LOOSE!

Storytimes

Birth-23 mo.
and a caregiver

This 30 minute lapsit program uses songs, rhymes, and finger plays to encourage interaction and foster language development and motor skills.

Cedar Lake Branch:
1st & 3rd Friday 10:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m.

Dyer-Schererville Branch:
2nd & 3rd Monday 10:30 a.m.
or 2nd & 3rd Tuesday 10:30 a.m.

Griffith-Calumet Twp. Branch
2nd & 4th Wednesday 10:30 a.m.

Highland Branch:
1st & 3rd Tuesday 6:30 p.m.
1st & 3rd Wednesday 10:30 a.m.

Hobart Branch:
2nd & 4th Wednesday 10:30 a.m.

Merrillville Branch:
1st & 3rd Tuesday 10 a.m.

Munster Branch:
1st & 3rd Monday 11:15 a.m.

St. John Branch:
2nd & 4th Thursday 10:15 a.m.

2-3 Year Olds

This 45 minute program is filled with stories, songs, and finger plays, and a craft.

(Caregivers must be present during program.)

Cedar Lake Branch:
2nd & 4th Thurs. 10:30 a.m. Or 1 p.m.

Dyer-Schererville Branch:
2nd & 3rd Wed. 10:15 a.m., 11:15 a.m.
1:30 p.m.

Griffith-Calumet Twp. Branch
1st & 3rd Wednesday 10:30 a.m.

Highland Branch:
2nd & 4th Monday 10:30 a.m.

Hobart Branch:
2nd & 4th Monday 10:30 a.m.
3rd Friday 10:30 a.m.

Merrillville Branch:
1st & 3rd Monday 10 a.m.

Munster Branch:
1st, 3rd & 5th Mon. 10:15 or 11: 15 a.m.

St. John Branch:
1st & 2nd Tues. 10:15 a.m., 11:15 a.m.

4-5 Year Olds

This hour program is filled with stories, songs, finger plays, and a craft.

Cedar Lake Branch:
1st & 3rd Tuesday 10:30 a.m., 1 p.m.

Dyer-Schererville Branch:
2nd & 3rd Monday 1:30 p.m.
or 2nd & 3rd Tuesday 1:30 p.m.

Griffith-Calumet Twp. Branch
1st & 3rd Tuesday 1 p.m.

Highland Branch:
2nd & 4th Wednesday 10:30 a.m.

Hobart Branch:
1st & 3rd Mon. 10:30 a.m. or 1:30 p.m.

Lake Station-New Chicago
2nd Tuesday 1:30 p.m.

Merrillville Branch:
2nd & 4th Tuesday 10: a.m.

Munster Branch:
2nd & 4th Tuesday 10:30 a.m.

St. John Branch:
2nd & 4th Tuesday 10:30 a.m.
2nd & 4th Friday 10:30 a.m.

Cedar Lake Branch

10010 E. 133rd Ave.,Cedar Lake, IN 46303
374-7121
www.lcplin.org/branches/cl.htm

Learning & More @ the Library
Mon.-Sat., March 2-31 **All Day**
All month long enjoy early literacy activities, along with crafts and more for all ages. It's always fun @ the library.

Snack & Plan
Monday, March 2 **4 p.m.**
Teen members of T A B, Teen Advisory Board, and those wishing to join (11 and older) have fun while earning volunteer hours. Eat, play games, and plan programs for teens and younger kids.

'Paws' itively Reading Fun
Wednesday, March 4 **5 p.m.**
Children of all ages can read to licensed therapy dogs and participate in reading activities, games, and crafts. Preschoolers must be accompanied by an adult.

LEGO Mania
Thursday, March 5 **4:30 p.m.**
Children through grade 6 will make and display their own LEGO creations made with library LEGO bricks. All supplies and snacks provided. Preschool children must be accompanied by an adult.

ST E A M Fridays!
Fridays, March 6-27 **All Day**
Using Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math, children will enjoy experimenting, designing, building, computing, and crafting. This month explore and celebrate March: Dr. Seuss & the Lorax, balls & March Madness, and the first day of spring.

Pi Day Feast & Fun
Tues. & Wed., Mar. 10 & 11 **4 p.m.**
Teens will celebrate the never-ending number – and Einstein's birthday, too! Make a variety of pi(e)s, edible and not; and play Pi(e) games for prizes.

It's Pi Day
Saturday, March 14 **10 a.m. - Noon**
Children will have fun with numbers and pi(e) with crafts, playing games, and eating pie. Happy 3.14 day!

Sensational Science
Thursday, March 19 **4 p.m.**
Teens will experiment, plan, build, and compute. Expore S T E A M -Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math with sensational projects.

Teen GameFest
Wednesday, March 25 **3-5 p.m.**
Teens play *Wii, PlayStation*, and board games. Snacks and drinks provided.

Spring Fling – Science, Stories & More
Monday, March 30 **6:30 p.m.**
Celebrate spring with stories, games, and music – and explore the science of wind and kites as you make your own kite to fly.

Block Party
Tuesday, March 31 **10:30 a.m.**
Children can enjoy free play with blocks of all sizes. Parents will have fun interacting with their children while learning how to help them develop a variety of skills through block play. Five stations are set up, each with a different set of blocks that aids the children in learning a specific skill in this class offered by the Purdue Extension Agency for families with children 8 months to 8 years of age.

Dyer-Schererville Branch

1001 W. Lincoln Hwy., Schererville, IN 46375
322-4731
www.lcplin.org/branches/ds.htm

Craft Table for Children
Mon.-Fri., Mar.2-31 **All Day**
Children of all ages are welcome to make a fun craft at the craft table during library open hours.

Kid's Art Club
Tuesday, March 3 **4:30 p.m.**
Wednesday, March 25 **10:30 a.m.**
Children in 2nd through 6th grades will learn to draw and paint in this monthly program where registration is a must.

Dynamite DUPLOs
Wednesday, March 4 **10:30 a.m.**
Young children, 2 to 5 years of age accompanied by a caregiver, will perform simple patterning and building activities with DUPLO blocks.

Book Bingo
Wednesday, March 4 **5:30 p.m.**
Children of all ages are invited to play Bingo to win books.

LEGO Club
Thursday, March 5 **6:30 p.m.**
Children in kindergarten through grade 6 will use their creativity to build unique projects with the library's LEGO bricks.

Teen Advisory Board
Wednesday, March 11 **6:30 p.m.**
Teens (11-18 years of age) are welcome to share in a snack and help us decorate the teen area with high-tech and low-tech art. Artists can create a robotic helper or paint upside down like Michelangelo! *Registration is not required.*

Choose Your Faction – *Divergent* Party
Tuesday, March 17 **6-8 p.m.**
To celebrate the release of the *Insurgent* movie, initiates (11-18 years of age) will test their aptitude for Amity, Dauntless, Abnegation, Candor, and Erudite in a night of Divergent-themed fun, including Dauntless cake.

Power Paws for Kids
Saturday, March 21 **11 a.m.**
Children of all ages will have the opportunity to read a library book to one of the registered Delta Society Pet Partner dogs (accompanied by their trainers). *Registration is not required.*

Teens Craft Stained Glass Windows
Monday, March 23 **2 p.m.**
Teens (11-18 years of age) will hang out with snacks and create a beautiful 'stained glass' work of art during spring break.

Lab Rat Tuesday: Rocket Launch
Tuesday, March 24 **6:30 p.m.**
Teens (11-18 years of age) are in for a night of figuring out rocket power with three very different rocketing objects.

Peeps!
Tuesday, March 31 **6:30 p.m.**
Children in kindergarten through grade 5 will have a great time with Peeps at the library. Participants will make a Peeps snack, do a Peeps experiment, and make a Peeps craft.

Griffith-Calumet Twshp. Branch

1215 E. 45th Ave., Griffith, IN 46319
838-2825
www.lcplin.org/branches/gr.htm

Kids' Art Club
Monday, March 2 **6 p.m.**
Kids in kindergarten to grade 5 will create a fun project and learn something new about art.

T A B Meeting
Thursday, March 5 **3:45 p.m.**
Teens are invited to join the Teen Advisory Board with snacks to share and plans to make.

Teen Tech Week
Monday, March 9 **3:45 p.m.**
Teens (6th - 12th grades) will have fun learning about circuits and electronics while playing with Little Bits!

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LEGO Robotics Teen Presentation
Thursday, March 12 **6 p.m.**
Teens Emily and Erica will explain the LEGO Robotics team and show their robotic creations. *Registration not required.*

LEGO Mania
Monday, March 16 **4 p.m.**
Children in kindergarten through 5th grade will build with the library's LEGO blocks.

Home School Kids' Spring Fever
Friday, March 20 **10:30 a.m.**
Home schooled kids of all ages will get ready for spring with stories, games, and planting a garden.

Teen *Divergent* Event
Monday, march 23 **3:45 p.m.**
Teens are invited to celebrate with a *Divergent* series party with games and refreshments. Bring a plain canvas tote or shirt to decorate.

Graphic Novel Book Club
Thursday, March 26 **5:30 p.m.**
Teen fans of graphic novels can drop by to discuss *Jimmy Corrigan: the Smartest Kid on Earth* by Chris Ware. The book is available for check-out at the circulation desk.

STEAM Team
Thursday, March 26 **6 p.m.**
Kids from 1st to 5th grade will learn about Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math using games, experiments, and crafts to explore each topic.

Highland Branch
2841 Jewett St., Highland, IN 46322
838-2394
www.lcplin.org/branches/hi.htm

Teen Book Discussion
Wednesday, March 4 **3:45 p.m.**
From the award-winning author of *So B. It*, this month's selection is *Pie* by Sarah Weeks, a story about family, friendship, and ... pie! This acclaimed author has 'baked' up a sweet and satisfying delight – and you'll enjoy every last bite! *Registration is not required.*

Teen Cosmic Cafe
Monday, March 9 **6 p.m.**
Teens will talk with Dr. Kory Stiffler about the workings of the universe and what physics, quantum mechanics, astronomy, and cosmology can tell us about reality and ourselves in this lively event. *Registration is not required.*

Family Story Hour
Tuesday, March 10 & 24 **6:30 p.m.**
Families with children from 3 to 6 years of age will enjoy stories, finger plays, music, and a craft.

LEGO Club
Wednesday, March 11 **3:30 p.m.**
School age children (kindergarten to grade 6) will free build or build the 'challenge' project with the library's LEGO blocks. Constructions will be on display until next month's meeting. Parents of children through grade 2 should plan to assist their child. We happily accept donations of LEGO building blocks to add to our collection.

Teen PokÃ© mon Trading Card Game Night
Thursday, March 12 **6 p.m.-7:30**
Bring your cards and prove who is the best trainer by sending your Pokémon into battle. Also open to teens (10 and up) who have not played Pokémon before, but are interested in the game. *Registration is not required.*

Teen Anime Club
Tuesday, March 17 **6 p.m.**
Teens interested in Anime or Manga are invited to the Highland Branch Anime Club. Snacks provided. *Registration is not required.*

Teen Advisory Board
Wednesday, March 18 **3:45 p.m.**
Snacks will be served and plans will be made by teens for upcoming projects. Bring your ideas and be prepared for fun. *Registration is not required.*

Hobart Branch
100 N. Main St., Hobart, IN 46342
942-2243
www.lcplin.org/branches/ho.htm

LEGO Night
Tuesday, March 3 **6 p.m.**
Children in kindergarten to grade 6 will use their imagination to create unique structures using LEGO bricks.

Celebrate Teen Tech Week
Mon.-Fri., March 9-13
These year's theme, Libraries are for making...Teens that check out materials at the Hobart Branch during the week can collect a small prize at the circulation desk!

Teen Tech Week: Build a BrushBot
Tuesday, March 10 **3 p.m.**
Teens are invited to build their own BrushBot. All materials provided.

'Tweens
Tuesday, March 10 **6 p.m.**
'Tweens, students 9 to 12 years of age, will create a spring craft and discuss ideas for future programs.

Teen Tech Week: LEGOs for Teens
Wednesday, March 11 **3 p.m.**
Teens can use their imagination to building something unique with LEGOs.

Teen Advisory Board Meeting
Monday, March 16 **3 p.m.**
Teens and 'tweens (ages 12 and up) are invited to plan future programs, talk about books, and earn volunteer hours. Snacks served.

School Age Craft
Tuesday, March 17 **6 p.m.**
School age children, kindergarten to grade 6, will make a spring craft and hear a seasonal story.

Lake Station-New Chicago Branch
2007 Central Avenue, Lake Station, IN 46405
962-2409
www.lcplin.org/branches/lsnc.htm

Locate Shaughnessy the Leprechaun!
Mon. to Sat., March 2-31 **All Day**
Children in kindergarten through grade 5 can search for Shaughnessy in the library. Follow the 'clue' sheet to see where that little Leprechaun is hiding and receive a prize when you find him!

St. Patrick's Day Fun
Wednesday, March 4 **6 p.m.**
School age children, kindergarten and up, will hear a St. Patrick's Day story and make a St. Patrick's Day craft.

Family Nutrition
Friday, March 13 **11 a.m. - 1 p.m.**
Belinda Stepnowski, Family Nutrition Adviser, will show adults and children how to prepare quick, tasty, and healthy, low-cost foods.

Teen Gaming
Tuesday, March 17 **6 p.m.**
Teens are invited to play video games on the *Wii* and *PlayStation*, as well as board games. Snacks provided.

Super 'Tweens!
Wednesday, March 18 **6 p.m.**
'Tweens, ages 9 to 13, will make container gardens. If possible, please bring a large coffee can. Snacks provided.

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Family Story Time
Tuesday, March 24 **10:30 a.m.**
Families with children can enjoy a story time that includes stories, songs, and finger plays.

It's LEGO Night!
Wednesday, March 25 **6 p.m.**
School age children, kindergarten and up, will enjoy creating their own LEGO designs.

Teens and *Zooinverse*
Thursday, March 26 **2 p.m.**
Teens will use the library's computer lab to explore *Zooinverse.*

Spring Break Movie
Saturday, March 28 **2 p.m.**
Subterranean trolls raise an orphaned boy, who helps them fight against an evil exterminator and make peace with the fearful residents of an upper-crust Victorian-era town. Released in 2014, rated PG with a run time of 100 minutes.

Merrillville Branch
1919 W. 81st Ave., Merrillville, IN 46410
769-3541
www.lcplin.org/branches/cnl.htm

Craft Table for Children
March 1 to 31 **All Day**
Children of all ages are welcome to make a craft at the craft table in the Children's Department during library open hours.

Board Game Fun
Wednesday, March 4 **6 p.m.**
Children in kindergarten to grade 5 will meet to play fun board games. Family members are welcome to join in!

Happy Birthday Dr. Seuss
Thursday, March 5 **4 p.m.**
Children in kindergarten to grade 5 are invited to celebrate Dr.Seuss' birthday and all of the wonderful characters he created.

LEGO Club
Monday, March 9 **4 p.m.**
Children in kindergarten to grade 5 will have fun making their own unique LEGO structures. The only requirement is imagination!

Gaming Night
Wednesday, March 18 **6 p.m.**
Children in kindergarten to grade 5 are invited to play *Wii, PlayStation 2*, and board games. Snacks served.

It's a Frozen Party!
Saturday, March 28 **1 p.m.**
Enjoy one last frozen hurrah before things warm up for Olaf! Children in kindergarten to grade 5 will celebrate with games, crafts, and a snack. Be prepared to meet royalty! All are welcome to dress up, too.

"Winter" Movie Singalong
Saturday, March 28 **2:15 p.m.**
All ages can sing along to songs from a popular movie about a land where winter is brought on suddenly by a magical sister. Children under 7 must be accompanied by an adult.

Munster Branch
8701 Calumet Ave., Munster, IN 46321
836-8450
www.lcplin.org/branches/mu.htm

Power Paws for Reading
Thursday, March 5 **6 p.m.**
Power Paws for Kids is a unique program where children of all reading levels are matched up with a dog and a volunteer to practice reading aloud.

LEGO Building
Thursday, March 12 **3-7 p.m.**
Young LEGO enthusiasts, kindergarten and up, are invited to stop by anytime from 3 to 7 pm for some creative building time with other kids constructing with the library's LEGO blocks.

Spring Break Movie Break
Wednesday, March 25 **1:30 p.m.**
Families can take a break, bring their own snacks, and enjoy a recently released film on the library's cinematic screen. Quvenzhané Wallis stars as a young, happy foster kid who's also tough enough to make her way on the streets of New York in this modern update of a Broadway musical classic. Rated PG, run time 118 minutes. *Registration not required.*

St. John Branch
9450 Wicker Avenue, St. John, IN 46373
365-5379
www.lcplin.org/branches/sj.htm

Teen Anime Club
Monday, March 2 **4 p.m.**
Teens (6th -12th grades) will view the first two episodes of a popular series, talk about anime, and have snacks. The show is rated TV Y-7.

Dr. Seuss Birthday Party
Thursday, March 5 **4:30 p.m.**
Children in kindergarten to grade 5 will celebrate this beloved author's birthday with games, crafts, and other activities.

Family Board Game Open House
Saturday, March 7 **1-2:30 p.m.**
Bring your favorite board game to the library or try one of our games. Children of all ages and their family members are invited to this fun event.

Teen Tech Week Craft
Mon.-Fri., Mar. 9-13 **All Day**
All week teens can pick up a craft at our service desk and make it in the library.

Amazing LEGO Club
Saturday, March 21 **11 a.m.**
Young LEGO enthusiasts, kindergarten to grade 5, are invited to use their imagination as they build with the library's LEGO blocks.

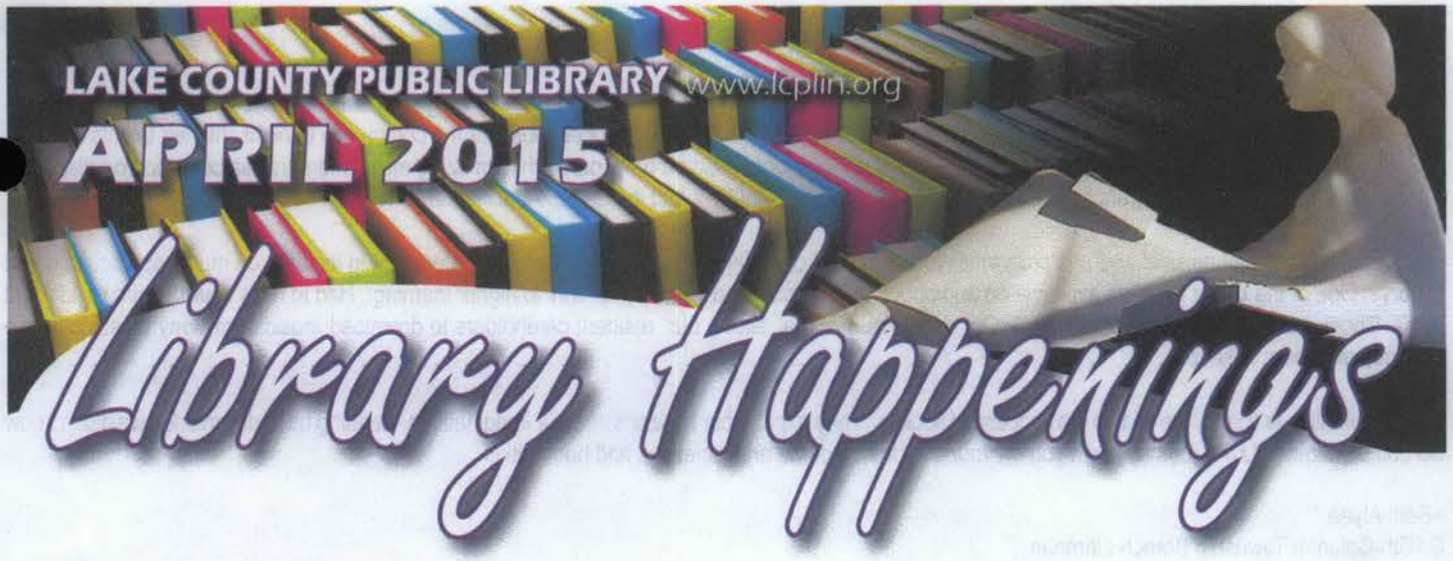
Painting Spree
Tuesday, March 24 **4:30 p.m.**
Children from kindergarten to 5th grade will enjoy painting with a variety of materials.

Teen Afternoon Movie
Wednesday, March 25 **2 p.m.**
Teens (6th - 12th grades) will watch a new team of superheroes try to stop a villain from taking over the universe. Starring Chris Pratt and Zoe Saldana, the film is rated PG-13, run time 121 minutes.

Family Story Time
Wednesday, March 25 **6:30 p.m.**
Children and their families will participate in stories, crafts, and other activities.

Power Paws for Kids
Saturday, March 28 **11 a.m.**
Children of all ages and all reading levels will enjoy reading to the Power Paws service dogs.

Registration required for all programs by phone or online except where noted.



MUSIC TO YOUR EARS...

"Music gives a soul to the universe, wings to the mind, flight to the imagination and life to everything." - *Plato* Do you know anyone that doesn't like music? Sure, everyone has their own favorites and also will take time to complain about another genre, but people enjoy music. It truly is the universal language. Whether you are listening to the chants of monks, the blues of B.B. King or the newest Taylor Swift song, you feel music. Music connects to emotions and connects people to one another. Music is art. "Where words fail, music speak," as Hans Christian Andersen said.

LCPL values the importance of music and offers a variety of ways for you to ease your soul through song. Did you know that there are at least 20 great reasons for music to be included in the education process? According to multiple sources, including *PBS, School Library Journal and John Hopkins School of Education*, music creates a sense of achievement; mastery of memorization; increased coordination; better SAT scores; student engagement in learning and it helps develop language and reasoning. *Every Child Ready to Read* helps parents understand the necessary steps to nurture pre-reading and education at home. Our children's librarians use *ECRR* to create their programs so that they include music and enhance literacy. *Mother Goose on the Loose, Story Times for 2s and 3s*, and *Preschool Story Hours* all combine words and music to help young minds develop strong learning connections.

Classic films and educational films are regularly shown at our locations. Often you can see musicals highlighting such talents as those of Ginger Rogers and Fred Astaire, like at our Highland location on April 27th. You could enjoy a documentary on a classical musician or a new talent!

LCPL libraries are extensions of our communities—we want to be here for you! Librarians and staff members brainstorm programs to appeal to the public and of course, music is included in that.

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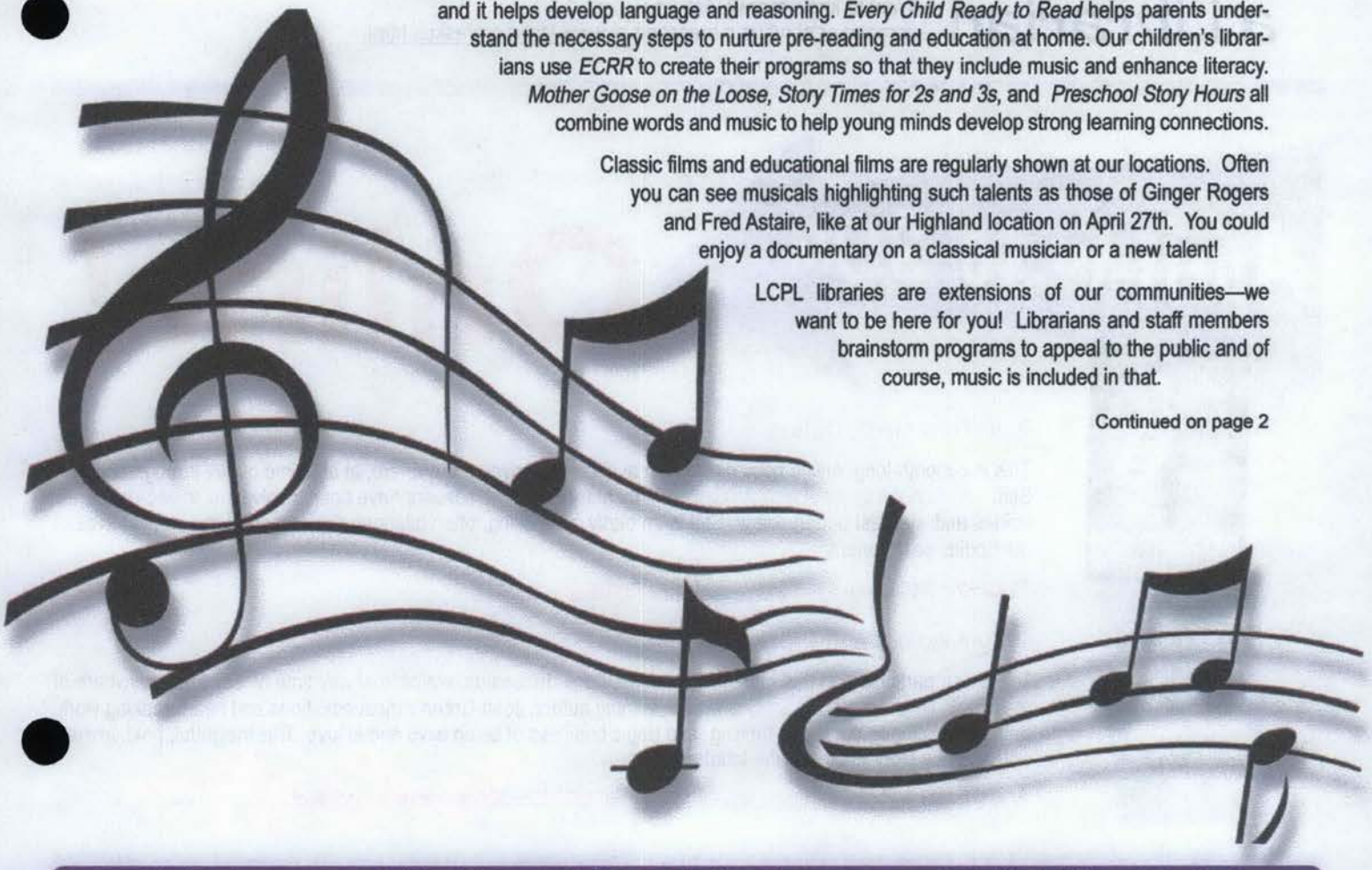

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The Griffith/Calumet Twp. branch will feature local musician, *Scott Larson*, on Thursday April 16th as he gives us an inside look behind the music and entertains us with his songs. Also, on April 25th, there will be an open mic *Afternoon Coffeehouse* for the community to highlight their talents in music and the arts. In addition, local journalist and music enthusiast, *Tom Lounges*, will have part of his amazing music memorabilia collection on display April and May. The Merrillville branch will feature *Mo' Beat Blues* on April 21st and the *Sweet Adelines* on June 16th.

In addition to our many musical and arts programs, you can checkout CDs from your favorite artists. Interested in lectures on music appreciation and history? One of the *Great Courses* available on audiobook or DVD can lead you on your way to higher learning. Had to miss your favorite band's last tour? Check out one of their concert DVDs! Our database, *Freegal*, allows our resident cardholders to download music from Sony artists for ***free*** and they are yours to keep!

The arts, in all their forms, are vital to the success of society. They expand our horizons and our imaginations—leading us to discoveries we didn't know we could uncover. LCPL journeys with you on your exploration of the arts, sciences and humanities.

~Beth Alyea
Griffith-Calumet Township Branch Librarian

Ask a Librarian

Q: Does the library have magazines I can read? Can I check them out? What about magazines I can download?

A: Yes, we have magazines available at all of our locations! Most can be checked out, and if the magazine you're looking for isn't at your branch, you can have it sent there.

We also have nearly 300 magazines in digital format so you can read them in your browser or on your phone, tablet, or e-reader. We offer downloadable magazines to all cardholders through Zinio. And beginning this month, we are adding even more magazines for our Full Access cardholders, through a new service called Flipster.

Want to know more? Ask your local librarian or send us a message at www.lcplin.org/askus.html.

April 1st to 30th Online!

BOOKreMARKS Online

This is a month-long, online book discussion available to anyone, anywhere, at any time of day through email of: Stiff: *The Curious Lives of Human Cadavers* by Mary Roach. Cadavers have been involved in science's boldest strides and wierdest undertakings. Stiff is an oddly compelling, often hilarious exploration of the strange lives of our bodies postmortem.

To join the discussion send an email to remarks@lcplin.org.

Online Book Discussion for Teens

Teens can participate in this month-long, online book discussion available at any time of day from anywhere of the novel: *The Fault in Our Stars* is award-winning author, John Green's most ambitious and heartbreaking work, brilliantly exploring the funny, thrilling, and tragic business of being alive and in love. This insightful, bold, irreverent, and raw story will touch the toughest readers.

To join email teenreads@lcplin.org. Call 219-769-3541 Ext. 335 for more information.

Branch Library Happenings

Cedar Lake Branch

10010 E. 133rd Ave., Cedar Lake, IN 46303
374-7121
www.lcplin.org/branches/cl.htm

Poetry Pizzazz
Wednesday, April 1-30 — All Day

For National Poetry month, teens will use pictures, magazines, and more to create poetry in unique ways. Try a new technique once each week during open hours. *Registration is not required.*

Teens Snack & Plan
Monday, April 6 — 4 p.m.

Teen (11 and older) members of T A B, Teen Advisory Board, and those wishing to join, will have fun while earning volunteer hours.

Crochet @ Your Library
Monday, April 6 — 7 p.m.

Learn beginning stitches while working on a simple project. Bring a skein of 100% cotton yarn and size H crochet hook...or bring along a project you're already working on.

Knitting Class
Monday, April 6 & 13 — 7 p.m.

Both beginning and experienced knitters will receive instruction. Participants should bring size 7 knitting needles and cotton yarn.

Wildcard Wednesday
Wednesday, April 8 — 4 p.m.

Teens (11 and older) are invited to drop in for D I Y crafts, projects, and/or activities. All materials (and snacks) provided.

Celebrate Libraries!
Mon.-Sat., April 13-18 — All Day

Join in the festivities for National Library Week as everyone is invited to crafts, trivia, scavenger hunts and more during library open hours.

History on Film
Tuesday, April 14 — 2 p.m.

Travel through history via the library's big screen to celebrate *National Library Week* with an informative look back and forward.

Let it Grow
Tuesday, April 14 — 5 p.m.

Teens (11 and older) will craft with sand, soil, seeds, plants, and more to welcome spring. All materials (and snacks) provided.

Books & Chat
Wednesday, April 15 — 6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Readers will discuss *The Dovekeepers* by Alice Hoffman, a tale inspired by the tragic first-century massacre of hundreds of Jewish people at Masada. It is a spellbinding tale of four extraordinarily bold, resourceful, and sensuous women with secrets to keep.

Sensational Science
Thursday, April 16 — 4 p.m.

Teens will experiment, plan, build, and compute. Explore S T E A M -Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math with sensational projects.

Travel the World Without Leaving Home
Tuesday, April 28 — 2 p.m.

Enjoy arm chair travel via the library's big screen traveling to Corsica, widely known as the birthplace of Napoleon.

Teen GameFest
Wednesday, April 29 — 3-5 p.m.

Teens will play *Wii, PlayStation,* and various board games. They can compete in a tournament and enjoy snacks.

Dyer-Schererville Branch

1001 W. Lincoln Hwy., Schererville, IN 46375
322-4731
www.lcplin.org/branches/ds.htm

Personalized Reading Suggestions
April 1-30

Whether looking for a good book to read, interested in discovering new genres, or in need of suggestions for your book club, call to schedule an appointment this month with a reader's adviser and start building your 'to read' list.

Civil War Trivia Contest
Wednesday, April 1-14 — All Day

April 9 marks the 150th anniversary of the end of the Civil War. Adults are invited to answer our trivia quiz correctly to be entered into a drawing for a canvas tote bag featuring a book-related quote from Abraham Lincoln.

Computer Class: Meet the Mouse
Wednesday, April 1 — 2-3:30 p.m.

Beginning users of the computer who have registered for the class will learn how to hold, move, and click a mouse effectively.

eBook Help
Wednesday, April 1 — 6 p.m.

Though help is always available at the information desk, on the first Wednesday of each month a librarian sets aside a full hour to assist with free downloadableS: eBooks, audiobooks, magazines, and music.

Independent Film
Monday, April 6 — 1-2:30 p.m.

A Sicilian hit man pauses in his assignment when he realizes that the only witness to his killings is a blind girl, and struggles with the decision to spare her life. *Registration is not required.*

Blood Pressure Screenings
Tuesday, April 7 — 10:30 a.m.

Free blood pressure screenings are offered by medical representatives. *Registration not required.*

Computer Class: Navigating the Net
Tuesday, April 7 — 2-3:30 p. m.
Wednesday, April 15 — 2-3:30 p.m.

Learn how to begin navigating the Internet to find information for work or recreation. Participants who have registered for this class must have basic mouse skills.

Computer Class: Applying for a Job Online
Tuesdays, April 7 or 28 — 6-7:30 p.m.

Register to take this class to learn the essential elements of completing a job application online with helpful tips. Must have basic mousing skills.

Computer Class: Basic Windows
Wednesday, April 8 — 2-3:30 p.m.

Learn the essentials of the computer desktop. Must have registered and have basic mousing skills.

Teen Advisory Board
Wednesday, April 8 — 6:30 p.m.

Teens (11-18) are welcome to share in a snack and help us plan for the summer reading programs. *Registration not required.*

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Branch Library Happenings

Computer Class: Email Essentials
Monday, April 13 — 2-3:30 p.m.
Wednesday, April 22 — 2-3:30 p.m.
Learn to open a free email account, send and receive email, and attach pictures or documents to email. Must register for this class and have basic mousing skills.

Stamp Class
Tuesday, April 14 — 6:30 p.m.
Participants will work on projects created with rubber stamps. There is a $5 fee to cover the cost of materials provided due at the time of class. Bring a glue stick.

Virtual Tourist
Wednesday, April 15 — 7 p.m.
Journey to the royal cities and night markets of Morocco. We will travel by watching a film and eating a local snack. *Registration not required.*

Money Smart Week: Identity Theft Seminar
Tuesday, April 21 — 10:30 a.m.
Assistant U S Attorney Toi Houston provides tips on how to protect personal information, preventing online fraud, and protecting college-bound children from identity theft. Space is limited, so be sure to register.

Computer Class: Social Media Savvy
Tuesday, April 21 — 2-3:30 p.m.
Monday, April 27 — 2-3:30 p.m.
Learn the ins and outs of signing up for and using social media like Facebook, Twitter, and Pinterest. Must have registered and have basicmouse skills and an email address.

Explore the Zooinverse
Wednesday, April 22 — 6:30 p.m.
This Earth Day adults and teens can learn how to identify animals on the Serengeti Plains, count penguins in Antarctica, understand how whales communicate, and track endangered condors. *Registration not required.*

Money Smart Week: Saving for College
Friday, April 24 — 4 p.m.
Parents are invited to a 25 minute presentation on college savings strategies, followed by a Q&A with Tony Townsley, author of the book Three Cups: A Lesson in Life and Money for Children. A Money Smart class for children, ages 4 to 8, will be offered simultaneously.

Between the Lines
Wednesday, April 29 — 7 p.m.
or Thursday, April 30 — 10 a.m.
A midwife in London's East End slums encounters a colorful cast of women: from warmhearted nuns to the woman with 24 children, to prostitutes of the city's seedier side. Read to discuss *Call the Midwife: A Memoir of Birth, Joy, and Hard Times* by Jennifer Worth. *Registration not required.*

Griffith-Calumet Twshp. Branch

1215 E. 45th Ave., Griffith, IN 46319
838-2825
www.lcplin.org/branches/gr.htm

T A B Meeting
Thursday, April 2 — 3:45 p.m.
Teens (grades 6 to 12) are welcome to join our Teen Advisory Board to plan future teen programs and earn volunteer hours. Snacks provided.

Thursday Threaders
Thurs., April 2-30 — 10:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Every or any Thursday, bring and work on your own project while enjoying the company of others.

Scrabble Night
Thursday, April 2 — 6-8 p.m.
Folks of all ages are invited to a fun evening of Scrabble – increase your vocabulary while having a great time!

Saturday Scrappers
Saturday, April 4 — 11 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Join this gathering to chat with other like-minded scrap booking friends while working on your scrap book.

AARP Smart Driver Course
Monday, April 6 — 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Seniors will learn defensive driving techniques, safety strategies, new traffic laws, and rules of the road. There is a $15 fee for AARP members, $20 for non-members, due at the time of class. Register by calling Jeanette Pike at 219-949-6307.

Paper Creations
Tuesday, April 7 — 1-2:30 p.m.
Design personalized cards and other paper creations. Learn, practice, and enjoy creating with paper, rubber stamps, and ink. The $5 fee covers materials and is due at the time of the class. Please bring tape and scissors.

StoryLovers Book Group
Tuesday, April 7 — 5:30 p.m.
Wednesday, April 8 — 10:30 a.m.
Read to discuss *The Curl Up and Dye* by Sharon Sala filled with colorful characters of the South, the enticing story line follows LilyAnn who is devastated when the love of her life is killed in Iraq, but eventually finds a second chance at life and love.

Cool Science Experiments for Teens
Wednesday, April 8 — 3:45 p.m.
Teens (grades 6 to 12) explore physics by building their own catapult and then testing them out.

Mystery Loves Co. Discussion
Monday, April 13 — 1 p.m.
Read to discuss *Murder Simply Brewed* by Vanetta Chapman. When the coffee shop manager is murdered in Middlebury's Amish Artisan Village, two women from different walks of life must join together to solve the mystery.

Great Decisions Discussion Group
Tuesdays, April 14 & 28 — 6:30 p.m.
Sectarianism is a politicization of ethnic and religious identity. How does sectarianism fit into a larger narrative of the Middle East?

Movie Wednesday
Wednesday, April 15 — 2 p.m.
Time is running out for the Clearwater team to find a companion for their beloved dolphin. The film stars Kris Kristofferson, Morgan Freeman, Harry Connick, Jr., and Ashley Judd; rated PG; run time is 108 minutes.

History Through Music
Thursday, April 16 — 6:30 p.m.
Rebound from tax day with folk songs about labor and work relations as Scott Larson reveals some of the history behind the songs about this historical and still current topic.

Gardening: Companion Planting
Monday, April 20 — 7 p.m.
Master Gardener Dolly Foster offers tips for increasing your garden yield by planting vegetables that help each others growth.

Blood Pressure Screenings
Tues., April 21 — 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Free blood pressure screenings are offered by medical representatives. *Registration is not required.*

Time to Travel Series
Wednesday, April 22 — 2-4 p.m.
Ireland's hills are covered with lush, emerald green grass, full of mystical stone buildings, Celtic monuments, medieval forts, and monasteries. This island is home to legends, music, poetry, and dance. *Registration is not required.*

Graphic Novel Book Club
Thursday, April 23 — 5:30 p.m.
Teen fans of graphic novels are welcome to join in a discussion of *City of Spies* by Susan Chongmi Kim.

Registration required for all programs by phone or online except where noted.

Arts in the Library: Afternoon Coffeehouse & Open Mic
Saturday, April 25 2-4 p.m.
To celebrate National Poetry & Jazz Appreciation month, bring your own poetry to read, play a song, display your work of art, or perform a skit. Members of NW Indiana writing groups will be in attendance; all ages welcome; refreshments provided.

Book Buddies
Monday, April 27 4 p.m.
Read to discuss *Home Safe*. Author Elizabeth Berg weaves a richly resonant story of a mother and daughter in emotional transit.

Moon Called Book Discussion
Monday, April 27 6:30 p.m.
In Trent Jamieson's *Death Most Definite*, Steven de Selby, whose life is saved by a dead girl, finds himself on the brink of a regional apocalypse when the dead start hunting the living.

Highland Branch
2841 Jewett St., Highland, IN 46322
838-2394
www.lcplin.org/branches/hi.htm

Teen Book Discussion
Wednesday, April 1 3:45 p.m.
When Ivan, a gorilla living in a circus themed mall, meets Ruby, a recently arrived baby elephant, he decides that he must find a better life in *The One and Only Ivan* by Katherine Applegate. *Registration is not required.*

Computer Class: Meet the Mouse
Thursday, April 2 1:30-3:30 p.m.
Tuesday, April 7 1:30-3:30 p.m.
Learn the basics of how to 'click' and move the mouse effectively. Class size is limited.

History on Film
Monday, April 6 2 p.m. & 6:30 p.m.
View this comprehensive chronicle of the Hoover Dam, one of the most ambitious engineering projects of all time. *Registration is not required.*

Teen Anime Club
Tuesday, April 7 6-7:30 p.m.
The Anime Club will watch episodes of a new series about genius pianist Kousei Arima who loses his ability to play until he meets a violinist that changes his life forever. Rated TV-13; snacks provided. *Registration is not required.*

Dementia Conversations
Wednesday, April 8 1:30 p.m.
Presented by the Alzheimer's Association-Greater Indiana Chapter, this program is designed to help people talk with their entire family about challenging and often uncomfortable topics related to Alzheimer's disease and dementia. *Registration is not required.*

Pokémon Trading Card Game Night
Thursday, April 9 6 p.m.
Teens (11 and up) are invited to bring their own cards to prove what the best Trainer is by sending your Pokémon into battle! Also open to folks who have not played Pokémon previously. *Registration is not required.*

Computer Class: Make the Most of Library Computers
Friday, April 10 1:30-3:30 p.m.
Monday, April 13 1:30-3:30 p.m.
Beginners learn the keyboard, desktop, and simple word processing skills. Basic mouse skills required.

Cosplay Contest
Saturday, April 11 2 p.m.
Teens (11 to 18) and adults (18+) are invited to show off their costume and compete for a chance to win free tickets to C2E2 in Chicago. Costumes must be appropriate for all ages. *Registration is not required.*

Fiction Book Discussion
Tuesday, April 14 2 p.m.
Little Women by Louisa May Alcott is set in picturesque nineteenth-century New England, and is a classic piece of American literature. *Registration is not required.*

Teen Advisory Board
Wednesday, April 15 3:45 p.m.
Snacks will be served and plans will be made by teens for upcoming projects. Bring your ideas and be prepared for a fun time. *Registration is not required.*

Stamp Camp
Wednesday, April 15 6:30 p.m.
With professional assistance, participants will design and complete customized greeting cards and more. There is a $5 fee to cover the cost of materials provided due at the time of class.

Inspirational Book Discussion
Thursday, April 16 2 p.m.
Readers will enjoy the romance and excitement as a young nurse and doctor figure out each others' intentions and work hard to create a new life. Copies of *All Things Hidden* by Tracie Peterson and Kimberley Woodhouse are available at the circulation desk.

Gardening Class
Thursday, April 16 6:30 p.m.
Master Gardener Stacey Haskins presents a program on vertical gardening.

Travel Film
Monday, April 20 2 p.m. & 6:30 p.m.
Slovenia offers colorful forests, a coastal setting on the Adriatic Sea, Venetian style cities, mountain ski resorts and the Postojna cave. *Registration is not required.*

Computer Class: Navigating the Net
Tues. & Wed., April 21 & 22 1:30-3:30 p.m.
Beginners learn how to find information on the Internet using Google and Yahoo. Basic mouse skills required.

Once Upon a Crime
Thursday, April 23 7 p.m.
In *Robert B. Parker's Fool Me Twice* by Michael Brandman, one girl is a teenage dose of pretty poison; another is a movie starlet on the run from a violent past. These two cases collide in Paradise and Jesse Stone is trapped between them.

Classic/Feature Film
Monday, April 27 2 p.m. & 6 p.m.
One of the best of the Fred Astaire-Ginger Rogers musicals centers on a mistaken identity plot. (1935, run time 101 minutes) *Registration is not required.*

Magic the Gathering
Wednesday, April 29 3:45 p.m.
Teens (11 and up) can bring their cards and wit their wits against other Magic players. Also open to teens who have not played previously. *Registration is not required.*

Hobart Branch
100 N. Main St., Hobart, IN 46342
942-2243
www.lcplin.org/branches/ho.htm

Travel to Brussels
Tuesday, April 7 2 p.m.
Explore Brussels, the capital of Belgium, where the medieval city core defines the whole city.

Stitch and Chat
Wednesdays, April 8 & 22 6:30 p.m.
Tuesday, April 28 2 p.m.
Bring your crochet, knitting, needlework or other crafts and create while enjoying the company of others. If you want to learn, come along and we'll get you started.

Classic Movie Series
Tuesday, April 14 2 p.m.
NASA must devise a strategy to return Apollo 13 to Earth safely after the spacecraft undergoes massive internal damage that jeopardizes the lives of its three astronauts in this PG rated film with a run time of 140 minutes.

Computer Class: iPad Drop in Help
Tuesday, April 14 2 p.m.
Bring your iPad to the library and we can assist you with using it.

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Branch Library Happenings

Computer Class: Android Tablet Drop in Help
Tuesday, April 14 3 p.m.
Bring your Android Tablet to the library and we can assist you with using it.

Contemporary Book Club
Tuesday, April 21 10:30 a.m.
In Ray Bradbury's classic *Fahrenheit 451's* frightening vision of the future, firemen don't put out fires – they start them in order to burn books, deeming knowledge and ideas to be bad for society.

Found on Pinterest!
Tuesday, April 21 10:30 a.m.
Drop in and make a project found on Pinterest! See if we can nail it. All supplies provided.

Lake Station-New Chicago

2007 Central Avenue, Lake Station, IN 46405
962-2409
www.lcplin.org/branches/lsnc.htm

Computer Class: Email
Wednesday, April 1 1:30-4 p.m.
Adults will learn how to set up a free email account and learn to email. Your library card is required.

English as a Second Language
Mon. & Wed., April 1-29 4-8 p.m.
Neighbors' Educational Opportunities (NEO) offers English language classes. To register call (219) 850-4448 or visit NEO's website at www.neoadulted.org.

Book Chat
Thursday, April 2 10:30 a.m.
Acclaimed novelist Melanie Benjamin pulls back the curtain on the marriage of one of America's most extraordinary couples: Charles and Anne Morrow Lindbergh. Check out and read *The Aviator's Wife* – have an opinion – eat snacks.

Computer Class: Navigating the Net
Monday, April 6 or 13 1:30-4 p.m.
Beginners learn how to find information on the Internet using Google and Yahoo. Basic mouse skills are required.

Food & Nutrition Classes in Spanish
Tues. April 7, 21, 28 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
Purdue University Cooperative Extension is offering this program in Spanish to our local community with timely talks on nutrition topics, food budgeting, and healthy living ideas by Family Nutrition Advisor will be Mitzi Egnatz. (219) 730-3984.

Coffee, Donuts and a Movie
Wednesday, April 8 10:30 a.m.
A silent film production company and cast make a difficult transition to sound in this film starring Gene Kelly, Donald O'Connor, and Debbie Reynolds. Refreshments served. *Registration is not required.*

Movie Wednesday
Wednesday, April 8 1 p.m.
This film is a dramatization by writer/director John Sayles of the most infamous episode in professional sports – the fix of the 1919 World Series. Refreshments served. *Registration is not required.*

Computer Class: eBooks
Wednesday, April 15 1:30-3:45 p.m.
Adults will learn how to select, reserve, and download eBooks.

Teens Craft Class
Thursday, April 16 6 p.m.
Teens will construct a lava lamp.

Database Scavenger Hunt
Saturday, April 18 2-4 p.m.
Teens will have a scavenger hunt using the library's databases. Refreshments will be served. *Registration is not required.*

Teen Gaming
Tuesday, April 21 6-7:30 p.m.
Teens are invited to play video games on the *Wii* and *PlayStation*, as well as board games. Snacks provided. *Registration is not required.*

Saturday Family Movie
Saturday, April 25 2 p.m.
The team of people who saved a dolphin named Winter must reassemble in the wake of her surrogate mother's passing to find her a companion. Rated PG13, c2014, run time 107 minutes. Refreshments served.

Merrillville Branch

1919 W. 81st Ave., Merrillville, IN 46410
769-3541
www.lcplin.org/branches/cnl.htm

English as a Second Language
Mon. & Wed., April 1-29 6:30-8:30 p.m.
In classes free of charge that include speaking, reading, and writing at different levels of instruction, adults learn English as their second language. Contact Rosella Garcia, Literacy Coordinator at Ext. 336 leaving your name and number so that materials can be provided for you.

Ask Me! I Work Here!
Mondays, April 6-27 2-4 p.m.
Library staff are available in the cafe vending area to answer your questions about library materials that should work on your computer or portable device. Bring your electronics, we'll connect you to the wireless and answer your questions every Monday. Ext. 212

Circle of Readers Book Discussion
Thursday, April 9 6:15 p.m.
The Art of Fielding by Chad Harbach explores relationships--between friends, family, and lovers--and the unpredictable forces that complicate them. *Registration is not required.*

Movie Time
Saturday, April 11 1 p.m.
Join us for popcorn and beverages as we view this biopic that celebrates astrophysicist Stephen Hawking. The film stars the 2015 Best Actor Academy Award winner Eddie Redmayne, rated PG13; run time 123 minutes. Ext. 338 *Registration is not required.*

Friends of the Library Meeting
Tuesday, April 14 1 p.m.
All members of the Friends of Lake County Public Library and those interested in joining may attend their bi-monthly board meeting. For information call ext. 317.

I C E : A New Approach to Parenting Workshop
Tuesday, April 14 6-8 p.m.
Learn about the ICE Project (Inspire, Create, Excite) which is designed to encourage parents to step back from the punitive style of parenting. Learn how to inspire your child's sense of wonderment and curiosity, create a spirit of motivation, and to excite your child to learn, love, and develop respect. Ext. 335

Appeals on Wheels
Thursday, April 16 1-3 p.m.
Learn about the judiciary's indispensable role in Indiana government. This is a live oral argument, after which the judges will conduct a question and answer session about the law and the judiciary in general. Be sure to register in order to attend. Ext. 212

National Library Week – LEGOs!
Saturday, April 18 10 a.m. - Noon
Adults will celebrate National Library Week's Unlimited Possibilities building creative projects with hundreds of LEGOs. Final structures will be placed on display during the month of May. Refreshments served.

Mo' Beat Blues Musical Performance
Tuesday, April 21 2 p.m.
Mo' Beat Blues features harmonica player Samuel Lozada, all around musician of many instruments, one man band, and elite performer. Ext. 338

Teen Anime Club Tuesday,
April 21 6-8 p.m.
Teens (13-18) are invited to an Anime movie night watching the first two episodes about seven masters battling each other in the *Holy Grail War*. Ext. 334 *Registration is not required.*

FamilySearch
Thursday, April 23 1-3 p.m.
KayLynn Matthews presents a class on *FamilySearch*, one of the largest genealogy collections available to search online for free. Ext. 336

Introduction to Alzheimer's Disease
Friday, April 23 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Join this free informational and interactive session focusing on understanding the disease process of progressive dementia. A light lunch provided at 11:30 a.m. followed by a session on advanced issues and strategies. Register by calling 888-303-0180.

Rubber Stamp Class
Saturday, April 25 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.
With professional assistance, create greeting cards and other fun projects. There is a $10 fee due at the time of class to cover the cost of supplies. Please bring scissors and adhesive. Ext. 212

Munster Branch
8701 Calumet Ave., Munster, IN 46321
836-8450
www.lcplin.org/branches/mu.htm

First Person Singular – Book Discussion
Wednesday, April 1 7 p.m.
Join in this initial meeting for the newly created book discussion group *First Person Singular* led by Valerie Pennanen, Assistant Professor of History, Calumet College of St. Joseph.

The Vikings
Tuesday, April 7 6:30-8 p.m.
In conjunction with the Nordikfolk Lodge #761 of the Vasa Order of America, view The Vikings, great courses dvd lecture series. This month's presentation: *The Settlement of Ireland and Iceland – A Frontier Republic*; each lecture is ½ hour in length.

Gardening Class
Wednesday, April 8 6:30 p.m.
Bringing New Life to Old Gardens is presented by Master Gardener Dolly Foster. Learn how to renovate your existing landscape.

Classic Film
Monday, April 13 2 p.m.
NASA must devise a strategy to return Apollo 13 to Earth safely after the spacecraft undergoes massive internal damage that jeopardizes the lives of its three astronauts.This PG rated film has a run time of 140 minutes.

Independent Film
Tuesday, April 14 2 p.m. & 6:30 p.m.
Against all odds, teen students set out to put on the school's first theatrical production in more than 20 years. The film follows the students on their discovery of the power of art and the human spirit. Not rated; adults only; run time 77 minutes.

Teen Scavenger Hunt
Wednesday, April 15 3:15 p.m.
Test your knowledge of the library in a scavenger hunt that will be followed by a presentation to highlight a few relevant library databases.

Explore Scotland
Thursday, April 16 2 p.m. & 7 p.m.
On the library's cinematic screen, view the outstanding sights of Edinburgh, St. Andrews, Crail, Dundee, Glamis Castle and more.

Everglades of the North
Wednesday, April 22 7 p.m.
The story of the Grand Kankakee Marsh reveals its diverse ecology, illustrates its astonishing history, and explores the controversial saga of how people have used and perceived this wetland for more than 10,000 years.

Blood Pressure Screening
Thursday, April 23 10 a.m. - Noon
A medical representative provides free blood pressure screenings. *No appointments or registration needed.*

Thursday Afternoon Book Discussion
Thursday, April 23 1:30 p.m.
Two families meet by chance at an airport, each awaiting the arrival of an adopted daughter from Korea, in this luminous novel brimming with subtle, funny, and tender observations. Copies of *Digging to America* by Anne Tyler are available at the circulation desk.

Arbor Day Art – Using Books in a New Way
Thursday, April 23 6:30 p.m.
With the assistance of library staff, people of all ages are invited to transform old books into new works of art. Create wreaths, shelves, bowls, and more. Special bonus: participants will receive seedlings, courtesy of the Town of Munster.

Great Books Discussion
Thursday, April 30 7 p.m.
Readers are invited to a discourse of *The Metamorphosis* by Franz Kafka, a selection from the fifth series of Great Books.

St. John Branch
9450 Wicker Avenue, St. John, IN 46373
365-5379
www.lcplin.org/branches/sj.htm

Sit & Stitch
Wednesdays, April 1 & 15 6:30-8 p.m.
Bring your crochet, knitting, or sewing project and gather with others who have a common thread.

Stamp Camp
Monday, April 6 6:30 p.m.
With professional assistance, express your creativity with rubber stamps and decorative paper. There is a $5 fee to cover the cost of materials provided due at the time of class.

Travel Film Series
Tuesday, April 7 2 p.m.
Journey via the library's cinematic screen to explore Italy traveling to Rome and the hill towns of Tuscany and Umbria. Refreshments served.

Page Turners Book Club
Wednesday, April 8 6:30 p.m.
Read to discuss *State of Wonder* by Ann Patchett, a narrative rich in emotional and moral complexity, is replete with poison arrows, devouring snakes, scientific miracles, and spiritual transformations in the Amazon.

These Books are Awesome!
April 13-18 All Day
Adults and teens can celebrate *National Library Week* by putting an awesome book in the "Awesome Box," to be entered into a special prize drawing that will take place on April 20.

Teen Anime Club
Monday, April 13 4 p.m.
Teens (6th to 12 grades) will watch the first two episodes of a popular series, talk about Anime and have snacks. The show is rated TV-PG.

Classic Film Series
Thursday, April 23 2 p.m.
Join us for a movie and a snack as we watch the story of four sisters who grew up together in Massachusetts during the Civil War. The film stars Katharine Hepburn; run time is 115 minutes.

Pokémon Party
Thursday, April 23 6-7:30 p.m.
Teens (6th to 12th grades) are invited to a Pokémon party with crafts, games, and talk about Pokémon.

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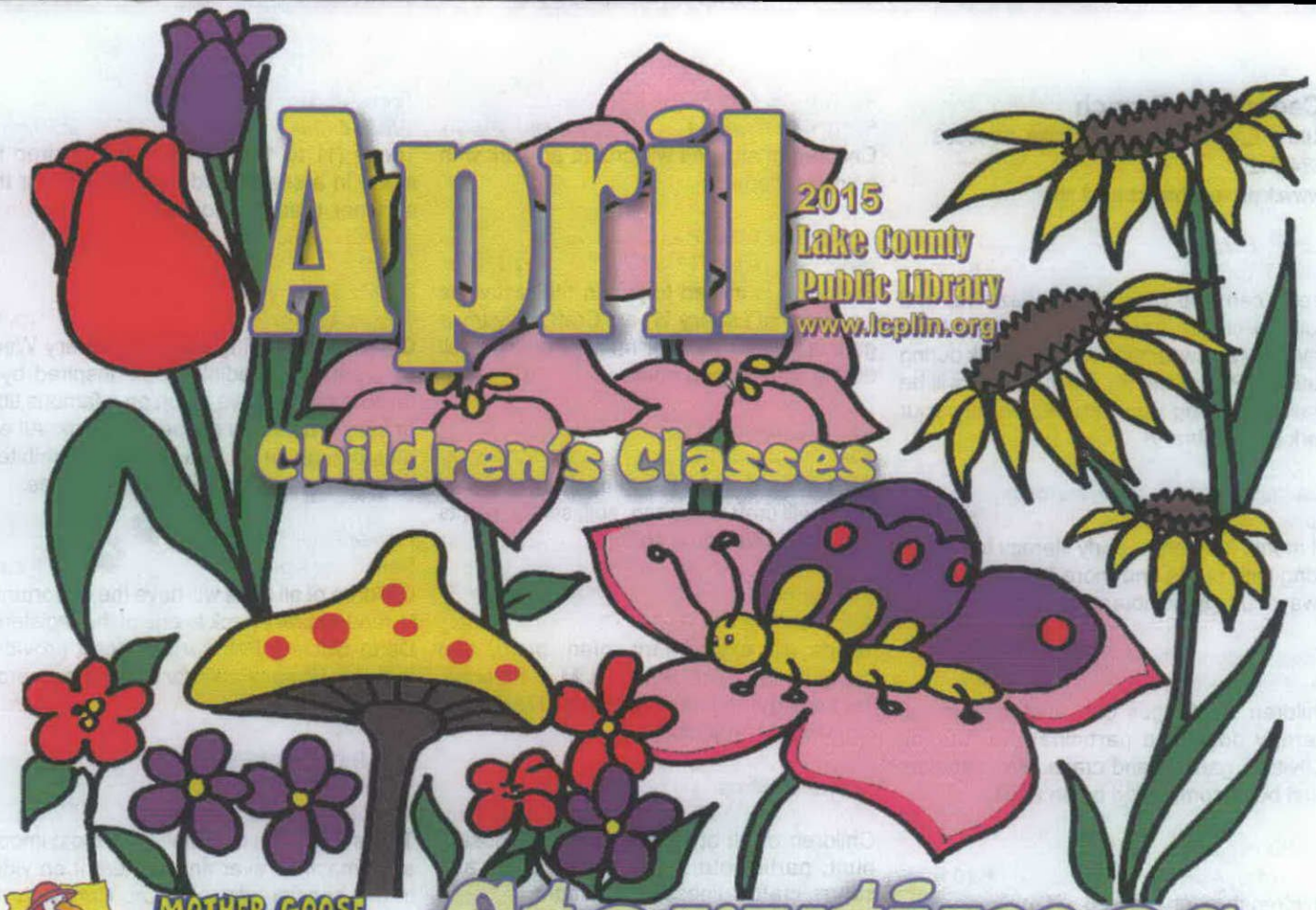

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Children's Classes

MOTHER GOOSE ON THE LOOSE!

Storytimes

Birth-23 mo.
and a caregiver

This 30 minute lapsit program uses songs, rhymes, and finger plays to encourage interaction and foster language development and motor skills.

Cedar Lake Branch:
1st & 3rd Friday 10:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m.

Dyer-Schererville Branch:
2nd & 3rd Monday 10:30 a.m.
or 2nd & 3rd Tuesday 10:30 a.m.

Griffith-Calumet Twp. Branch
2nd & 4th Wednesday 10:30 a.m.

Highland Branch:
1st & 3rd Tuesday 6:30 p.m.
1st & 3rd Wednesday 10:30 a.m.

Hobart Branch:
3rd & 5th Wednesday 10:30 a.m.

Merrillville Branch:
1st & 3rd Tuesday 10 a.m.

Munster Branch:
1st, 3rd & 5th Wednesday 10:00 a.m.

St. John Branch:
2nd & 4th Thursday 10:15 a.m.

2-3 Year Olds

This 45 minute program is filled with stories, songs, and finger plays, and a craft.

(Caregivers must be present during program.)

Cedar Lake Branch:
2nd & 4th Thurs. 10:30 a.m.

Dyer-Schererville Branch:
3rd & 4th Wed. 10:15 a.m., 11:15 a.m.
1:30 p.m.

Griffith-Calumet Twp. Branch
1st Wednesday 10:30 a.m.

Highland Branch:
2nd & 4th Monday 10:30 a.m.

Hobart Branch:
2nd & 4th Monday 10:30 a.m.
2nd Friday 10:30 a.m.

Merrillville Branch:
1st & 3rd Monday 10 a.m.

Munster Branch:
2nd & 4th Mon. 10:15 or 11: 15 a.m.

St. John Branch:
1st & 3rd Tues. 10:15 a.m., 11:15 a.m.

4-5 Year Olds

This hour program is filled with stories, songs, finger plays, and a craft.

Cedar Lake Branch:
1st & 3rd Tuesday 10:30 a.m., 1 p.m.

Dyer-Schererville Branch:
2nd & 3rd Monday 1:30 p.m.
or 2nd & 3rd Tuesday 1:30 p.m.

Griffith-Calumet Twp. Branch
1st & 3rd Tuesday 1 p.m.

Highland Branch:
2nd & 4th Wednesday 10:30 a.m.

Hobart Branch:
1st & 3rd Mon. 10:30 a.m. or 1:30 p.m.

Lake Station-New Chicago
2nd Tuesday 1:30 p.m.

Merrillville Branch:
2nd & 4th Tuesday 10: a.m.

Munster Branch:
1st & 3rd Tuesday 10:30 a.m.

St. John Branch:
2nd & 4th Tuesday 10:30 a.m.
2nd & 4th Friday 10:30 a.m.

Cedar Lake Branch

10010 E. 133rd Ave.,Cedar Lake, IN 46303
374-7121
www.lcplin.org/branches/cl.htm

Poetry Pizzazz
April 1 to 30 — **All Day**
Teens can use pictures, magazines, and more to create poetry in unique and fun ways. Try a new technique each week during National Poetry Month. All materials will be available during open hours. Display your work @ the library!

Learning & More @ the Library
April 1 to 30 — **All Day**
All month long enjoy early literacy activities, along with crafts and more for all ages. It's always fun @ the library.

'Paws'– itively Reading Fun
Wednesday, April 1 — **5 p.m.**
Children of all ages can read to licensed therapy dogs and participate in reading activities, games, and crafts. Preschoolers must be accompanied by an adult.

LEGO Mania
Thursday, April 2 — **4:30 p.m.**
Children through grade 6 will make and display their own LEGO structures made with library LEGO bricks. All supplies and snacks will be provided. Preschool children must be accompanied by an adult.

S T E A M Friday!
Fridays, April 3, 10, 17, 24 — **All Day**
Using Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math, kids of all ages will enjoy experimenting, designing, building, computing, and crafting. This month explore science magic and tricks.

Snack & Plan
Monday, April 6 — **4 p.m.**
Teen (11 and older) members of T A B, Teen Advisory Board, and those wishing to join, will have fun while earning volunteer hours. Eat, play games, plan programs for teens and younger kids, along with other volunteer activities.

Crochet @ Your Library
Monday, April 6 — **7 p.m.**
Teens are invited to learn beginning stitches while working on a simple project. Bring a skein of 100% cotton yarn and a size H crochet hook.

Wildcard Wednesday
Wednesday, April 8 — **4 p.m.**
Teens (11 and older) can drop in for D I Y crafts, projects, and/or activities. All materials (and snacks) provided.

Spring Crafts
Saturday, April 11 — **10 a.m. - Noon**
Children of all ages will create artwork with a spring theme.

Celebrate Libraries
Mon.-Sat., April 13-18 — **All Day**
Everyone is invited to join in the festivities for *National Library Week*. Craft, play trivia games, join scavenger hunts, and more all during library open hours.

Let it Grow
Tuesday, April 14 — **4 p.m.**
With all materials (and snacks) provided, teens will craft with sand, soil, seeds, plants and more. Welcome spring!

Sensational Science
Thursday, April 16 — **4 p.m.**
Teens will experiment, plan, build, and compute. Explore S T E A M – Science, Technology, engineering, Art, and Math with sensational projects!

Dinosaur Daze
Monday, April 27 — **6:30 p.m.**
Children of all ages will go on a dinosaur hunt, participate in dinosaur stories and songs, craft a dinosaur, and more.

Teen GameFest
Wednesday, April 29 — **3-5 p.m.**
Teens will play *Wii, PlayStation* and board games. With snacks and pop provided, feel free to participate in a tournament.

Dyer-Schererville Branch

1001 W. Lincoln Hwy., Schererville, IN 46375
322-4731
www.lcplin.org/branches/ds.htm

Craft Table for Children
April 1-30 — **All Day**
Children of all ages are welcome to make a fun craft at the craft table in the children's department during library open hours.

Dynamite DUPLOs
Wednesday, April 1 — **10:30 a.m.**
In this 30 minute program, 2 to 5 year old children, accompanied by a caregiver, will participate in simple patterning and building activities with the library's DUPLO blocks.

LEGO Club
Thursday, April 2 — **6:30 p.m.**
Children in kindergarten to grade 6 will use their creativity to build unique projects with the library's LEGO bricks.

Kids' Art Club
Tuesday, April 7 — **4:30 p.m.**
Children in grades 2 through 6 will learn to draw and paint in this monthly club.

Teen Advisory Board
Wednesday, April 8 — **6:30 p.m.**
Teens (11 to 18) are welcome to drop in, share in a snack, and help us plan for the summer reading program. *Registration is not required.*

Edible Book Fair
Saturday, April 18 — **11 a.m. - 1 p.m.**
Get creative during National Library Week by creating an 'edible book' inspired by a favorite tale; involve a pun on a famous title; or simply be in the shape of a book. All entries brought in by 11 a.m. will be exhibited, documented, and eligible to win prizes.

Power Paws for Kids
Saturday, April 18 — **11 a.m.**
Children of all ages will have the opportunity to read a library book to one of the registered Delta Society Pet Partner dogs provided through *Power Paws for Kids*, a non-profit organization. *Registration is not required.*

Lab Rat Tuesdays: Rube Goldberg Madness
Tuesday, April 21 — **6:30-8 p.m.**
Teens (11 to 18) can make the most impossible machine ever and capture it on video in this special edition of Lab Rats with the most improbably materials to set off a Rube Goldberg-style contraption. Registration is preferred but not required.

Explore the Zooinverse
Wednesday, April 22 — **6:30 p.m.**
This Earth Day learn how to identify animals on the Serengeti Plains, count penguins on Antarctica, understand what whales are saying to one another, and track endangered condors. It's all possible through citizen science – teens and up, children with parental supervision. *Registration is not required.*

Earth Day Celebration
Thursday, April 23 — **6:30 p.m.**
Children in kindergarten through grade 6 will enjoy a variety of Earth Day activities to celebrate our beautiful planet.

Money Smart Week: Three Cups
Friday, April 24 — **4 p.m.**
Author Tony Townsley will read his book, *Three Cups: A Lesson in Life and Money*, for children (4 to 8 years of age). The children will then make three cups (one each for saving, spending, and giving) to take home. Registration by April 17 required.

Home School Art Club
Wednesday, April 29 — **10:30 a.m.**
Children (7 to 12 years of age) will learn how to paint and draw in this one hour monthly club.

Griffith-Calumet Twshp. Branch

1215 E. 45th Ave., Griffith, IN 46319
838-2825
www.lcplin.org/branches/gr.htm

T A B Meeting
Thursday, April 2 **3:45 p.m.**
Teens in grades 6 to 12 are welcome to join us as we plan future teen programs. Earn volunteer hours. Snacks provided.

Scrabble Night
Thursday, April 2 **6-8 p.m.**
Folks of all ages are invited to a fun evening of Scrabble – increase your vocabulary while having a great time.

Art Club
Monday, April 6 **6 p.m.**
Kids (kindergarten to grade 5) will create a fun project and learn something new about art.

Cool Science Experiements for Teens
Wednesday, April 8 **3:45 p.m.**
Teens (grades 6 to 12) will explore physics by building a catapult and testing it out.

Fancy Nancy
Saturday, April 18 **1:30 p.m.**
To celeberate National Library Week, kids (kindergarten to grade 5) will dress up and enjoy games, snacks, and a craft while hearing *Fancy Nancy* stories.

LEGO Mania
Monday, April 20 **4 p.m.**
Children in kindergarten through grade 5 will build with the library's LEGO blocks.

S T E A M Team
Thursday, April 23 **6 p.m.**
Kids from 1st to 5th grade will learn about Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math in this fun program. We will use games, experiments, and crafts to explore each topic.

Home School Kids & Planet Earth
Friday, April 24 **10:30 a.m.**
Kids of all ages will learn different ways to take care of our planet. We will make an earth friendly craft and have a snack.

Arts in the Library:
Afternoon Coffeehouse & Open Mic
Saturday, April 25 **2-4 p.m.**
Bring your own poetry to read, play a song, display your artwork, or perform a skit to celebrate National Poetry and Jazz Appreciation Month. This program is sponsored by members of T A B and all ages are welcome. Refreshments provided.

Highland Branch

2841 Jewett St., Highland, IN 46322
838-2394
www.lcplin.org/branches/hi.htm

Teen Book Discussion
Wednesday, April 1 **3:45 p.m.**
When Ivan, a gorilla living in a circus themed mall, meets Ruby, a recently arrived baby elephant, he decides that he must find a better life. Read to discuss *The One and Only Ivan* by Katherine Applegate. *Registration is not required.*

Teen Anime Club
Tuesday, April 7 **6-7:30 p.m.**
The Anime Club will watch episodes of a new series about genius pianist Kousei Arima who loses his ability to play until he meets a violinist that changes his life forever. Rated TV-13; snacks provided. *Registration is not required.*

LEGO Club

Wednesday, April 8 **3:30 p.m.**
School age children (kindergarten to grade 6) will free build or build the 'challenge' project with the library's LEGO blocks. Constructions will be on display until next month's meeting. Parents of children through grade 2 should plan to assist their child. We happily accept donations of LEGO building blocks to add to our collection.

Pokémon Trading Card Game Night
Thursday, April 9 **6 p.m.**
Teens (11 and up) are invited to bring their own cards to prove what the best Trainer is by sending your Pokémon into battle! This event is also open to folks who have not played Pokémon previously, but are interested in learning the game. *Registration is not required.*

Cosplay Contest
Saturday, April 11 **2 p.m.**
Teens (11 to 18) are invited to show off their costume and compete for a chance to win free tickets to C2E2 in Chicago. Costumes must be appropriate for all ages. *Registration is not required.*

National Library Week Craft Activity
Mon.-Sat., April 13-18 **All Day**
Kids of all ages may stop by the reference desk to pick up the materials to make a special craft in recognition of *National Library Week.*

Family Story Hour

Tuesday, April 14 & 28 **6:30 p.m.**
Families with children 3 to 6 years of age will enjoy stories, finger play, music, and a craft.

Teen Advisory Board
Wednesday, April 15 **3:45 p.m.**
Snacks will be served and plans will be made for upcoming projects. Bring your ideas and be prepared for a fun time.

***National Library Week* Family Games**
Saturday, April 18 **1:30-3:30 p.m.**
Families are invited to join in an afternoon of games and refreshments.

Magic the Gathering
Wednesday, April 29 **3:45 p.m.**
Teens (11 and up) can bring their cards and pit their wits against other Magic players. Also open to teens who have not played previously but are interested in learning the game. *Registration is not required.*

Hobart Branch

100 N. Main St., Hobart, IN 46342
942-2243
www.lcplin.org/branches/ho.hto.htm

LEGO Night
Tuesday, April 7 **6 p.m.**
Children in kindergarten to grade 6 will use their imagination to create structures using LEGO bricks.

Greyt Readers
Wednesday, April 15 **6 p.m.**
Read your favorite book to a Greyhound, they are Greyt listeners! The Greyhounds are provided by American Greyhound. http://www.americangreyhound.org *Registration is not required.*

National Library Week
Thursday, April 16 **All Day**
Everyone is invited to participate in activities and crafts to celebrate National Library Week. *Registration is not required.*

School Age Craft

Tuesday, April 21 **6 p.m.**
Children in kindergarten through grade 6 will make a spring craft and hear a seasonal story.

Lake Station-New Chicago Branch

2007 Central Avenue, Lake Station, IN 46405
962-2409
www.lcplin.org/branches/lsnc.htm

An Earth Day Celebration

Wednesday, April 1 **6 p.m.**
Children in kindergarten through grade 5 will have fun hearing a story about the environment and talking about what we can do to take care of the earth. Bring materials from home to make a 'recycled' craft. Refreshments served.

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Super 'Tweens!
Wednesday, April 15 **6 p.m.**
'Tweens (9 to 13 years of age) will make jewelry with a rainbow loom. Refreshments served.

Teens Craft
Thursday, April 16 **6 p.m.**
Teens (13 to 18) will build a lava lamp.

Teen Database Scavenger Hunt
Saturday, April 18 **2-4 p.m.**
Teens will have a scavenger hunt using the libraries databases. Refreshments served. *Registration not required.*

Teen Gaming
Tuesday, April 21 **6-7:30 p.m.**
Teens are invited to play video games on the *Wii* and *PlayStation*, as well as board games. Snacks provided. *Registration not required.*

It's LEGO Night
Wednesday, April 22 **6 p.m.**
Children in kindergarten to grade 6 will have fun creating their own LEGO designs. Refreshments served.

Saturday Family Movie Matinee
Saturday, April 25 **2 p.m.**
The team of people who saved a dolphin named Winter must reassemble in the wake of her surrogate mother's passing to find her a companion. Rated PG13, c2014, run time 107 minutes. Refreshments served.

Family Story Time
Tuesday, April 28 **10:30 a.m.**
Families can enjoy a story time together that will include stories, songs, and finger plays.

Merrillville Branch

1919 W. 81st Ave., Merrillville, IN 46410
769-3541
www.lcplin.org/branches/cnl.htm

Craft Table for Children
April 1-30 **All Day**
Children of all ages are welcome to make a craft at the craft table in the children's department during library open hours.

Board Game Fun
Wednesday, April 1 **6 p.m.**
Children in kindergarten through grade 5 will meet to play fun board games. Family members are welcome to join in.

LEGO Club
Monday, April 6 **4 p.m.**
Children in kindergarten through grade 5 will have fun making their own unique LEGO structures. The only requirement is imagination!

Spring Break Movie Marathon
Wednesday, April 8 **Noon – 4 p.m.**
Everyone is invited to take a trip back in time to when monsters Mike and Sulley were just Scaring majors at University, beginning noon. Then at 2pm, go on a wild adventure with the monsters and their new friend, Boo. Snacks are welcome (clear drinks only). *Children under 7 must be accompanied by an adult.

Gaming Night
Wednesday, April 15 **6 p.m.**
Children in kindergarten through grade 5 are invited to play *Wii, PlayStation 2*, and board games. Snacks served.

We Love Our Library!!
Thursday, April 16 **4pm.**
Children in kindergarten through grade 5 will celebrate the library through stories, games, and crafts.

Teen Anime Club
Tuesday, April 21 **6-8 p.m.**
Teens (13-18) are invited to an Anime movie night watching the first two episodes about seven masters battling each other in the Holy Grail War. Ext. 334 *Registration is not required.*

Earth Day Fun
Thursday, April 23 **4 p.m.**
Children in kindergarten through grade 5 will celebrate Earth Day through stories, games, and crafts.

Munster Branch

8701 Calumet Ave., Munster, IN 46321
836-8450
www.lcplin.org/branches/mu.htm

Power Paws for Reading
Thursday, April 2 **6 p.m.**
Power Paws for Kids is a unique program where children are matched up with a dog and a volunteer to practice reading. All levels of readers are welcome.

Fairy Tale Construction
Wednesday, April 8, 15 & 22 **4 p.m.**
Children in kindergarten and older will construct houses, coaches, and Rube Goldberg machines based on popular fairy tales. We will also take a look at different versions of those tales. *Registration is not required.*

LEGO Building
Thursday, April 9 **3-7 p.m.**
Young LEGO enthusiasts, kindergarten and up, are invited to stop by any time from 3 to 7 pm for creative building time with other kids. Participants will construct with LEGO blocks, then share their creations with the group.

Arbor Day Art: Using Books in a New Way
Thursday, April 23 **6:30 p.m.**
In recognition of Arbor Day, we will be transforming old books into new works of art. All ages are invited to participate in this project with staff on hand to assist. Special bonus: participants will receive seedlings, courtesy of the Town of Munster.

St. John Branch

9450 Wicker Avenue, St. John, IN 46373
365-5379
www.lcplin.org/branches/sj.htm

Craft Table for Children
April 1-30 **All Day**
Children of all ages are welcome to make a fun craft during library open hours. Stop by the front desk for a kid's craft bag.

Kids Art Club
Thursday, April 2 **4:30 p.m.**
Children in kindergarten to grade 5 will create a fun project and learn something new about art.

Who Are These Book Characters?
Mon.-Sat., April 13-18 **All Day**
Children of all ages are invited to guess who the book characters are on our bulletin board. Play our guessing game and take home a coloring page of your favorite book character.

Teen Anime Club
Monday, April 13 **4 p.m.**
Teens (6th to 12 grades) will watch the first two episodes of a popular series, talk about anime and have snacks. The show is rated TV-PG.

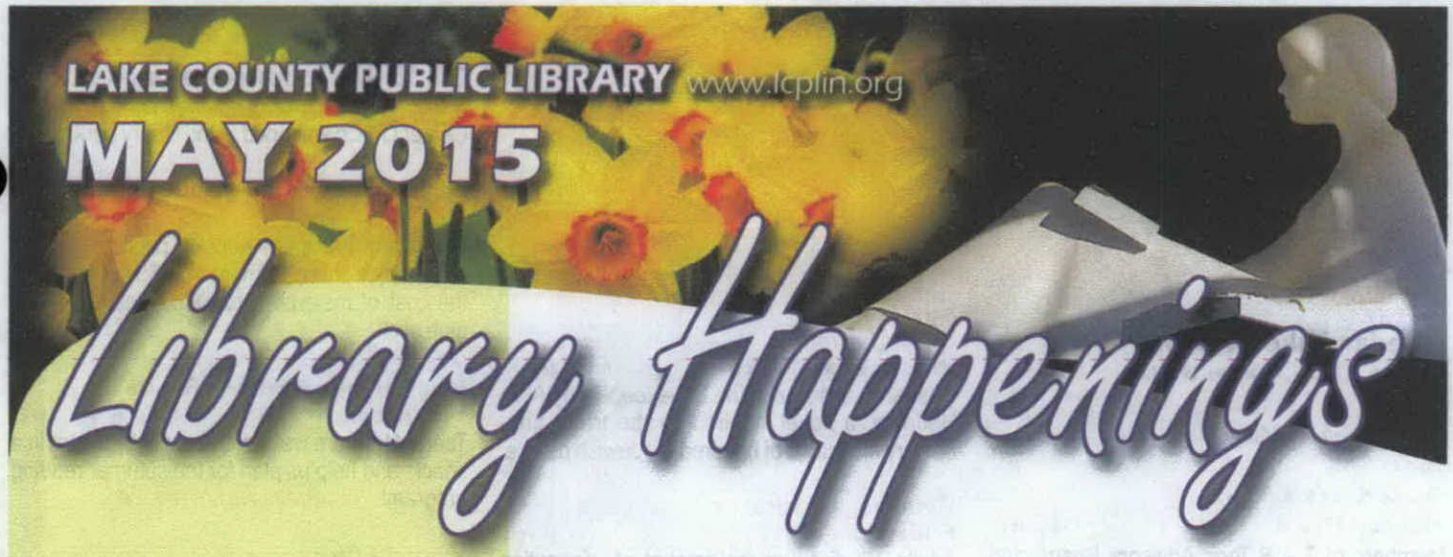
Some Bunny Loves the Library!
Saturday, April 18 **11 a.m.**
Wednesday, April 22 **6:30 p.m.**
Children and their families will celebrate the library with stories, a bunny craft, and a snack.

Pokémon Party
Thursday, April 23 **6-7:30 p.m.**
Teens (6th to 12th grades) are invited to a Pokémon party with crafts, games, and discussion all about Pokémon.

Power Paws for Kids
Saturday, April 25 **11 a.m.**
Children of all ages will enjoy reading to Power Paws service dogs.

Amazing LEGO Club
Tuesday, April 28 **4:30 p.m.**
Young LEGO enthusiasts are invited to use their imagination as they build with the library's LEGO blocks.

Registration required for all programs by phone or online except where noted.



Online!

May 1st to 31st

BOOKreMARKS Online

This is a month-long, online book discussion available to anyone, anywhere, at any time of day through email of: *After Visiting Friends: A Son's Story* by Michael Hainey, a memoir of the author's search of the truth of his father's death, an assistant copy chief at the Chicago Sun-Times. It is also a rare window into a world of men, newspapers, and fierce loyalties that no longer exist. At the heart of his quest is Michael's all-too-silent, opaque mother, a woman of great courage and tenacity-and a steely determination not to look back.

To join the discussion send an email to remarks@lcplin.org.

Online Book Discussion for Teens

Teens can participate in this month-long, online book discussion available at any time of day from anywhere of the novel: *The Future of Us* by Jay Asher. It's 1996 and less than half of all high school teens have ever used the internet. When Emma gets her first computer, she and Josh power up a new CD-ROM and find themselves on Facebook, 15 years in the future!

To join email teenreads@lcplin.org.
Call 219-769-3541 Ext. 335 for more information.

Employment Resources @ Your Library®

"As Economy Swoons, Job Seekers Tap Library Computers in Droves," the newspaper headline reads. Today's paper? Could be, but this article is from May 3, 2010. Joblessness in Northwest Indiana is still a crisis. Now, five years later, Lake County still has one of the highest unemployment rates in the state.

All locations of the Lake County Public Library are available for job seekers who rely on a computer with internet access to compose a resume and cover letter. Gone are the days of paper applications; employment applications almost everywhere are now only available online. Navigating a computer can be tough for someone who rarely uses a computer for work, but the LCPL staff can share tips to succeed.

Librarians can guide novices through internet job applications. When that application asks for an email address, staff can help applicants set up a free email account. Building a clear, concise resume can be accomplished at the library using staff assistance, books, and computer tips. We hope to encourage – when applications are in limbo, staff can guide job seekers to a variety of other employment opportunities.

While users may enjoy our library for a good book or a top Hollywood movie, the library provides a way for all to continue learning. Whether through one-on-one ***Ask Me! Employment Questions*** sessions or a no-cost hands-on class highlighting the latest computer needs of job seekers who wish to improve their skills, the library's Events calendar and ***Happenings*** are excellent ways to keep in touch with our current class offerings. Job seekers are encouraged to see all that the library can do to help by visiting our website at WWW.LCPLIN.ORG/FINDAJOB.HTML.

Lake County Public Library's intent is clear:

Everything we do, every class we provide, is dedicated to furthering our mission: to give everyone, regardless of social class or circumstance of birth, the opportunity to improve his or her life.

We're here because we believe that everyone deserves that chance. As James Truslow Adams put it in his 1931 book The Epic of America, "life should be better and richer and fuller for everyone, with opportunity for each according to ability or achievement." We want that for every person who walks through our doors. ("From the Director" http://www.lcplin.org/About/about.html)

by Debbie Rzepczynski,
Librarian & Employment Resources Committee Member

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Branch Library Happenings

Cedar Lake Branch

10010 E. 133rd Ave., Cedar Lake, IN 46303
374-7121
www.lcplin.org/branches/cl.htm

Teens Snack & Plan
Monday, May 4 — 4 p.m.
Members of T A B,Teen Advisory Board, and those wishing to join will have fun while earning volunteer hours.

Crochet @ Your Library
Monday, May 4 — 6:30 p.m.
Learn beginning stitches while working on a simple project. Bring a skein of 100% cotton yarn and a size H crochet hook. Or bring along a project you're already working on!

History on Film
Tuesday, May 12 — 2 p.m.
Take an amazing look at tunnels, from touring the tunnels of ancient Rome to the modern Channel Tunnel connecting France and England.

Try it Tuesday!
Tuesday, May 12 — 4 p.m.
Teens will create their own art, along with snacks, with all materials provided.

Wildcard Wednesday
Wednesday, May 13 — 4 p.m.
Teens can drop in for D I Y crafts, projects and/or activities with all materials and snacks provided.

Computer Class: Meet the Mouse
Thursday, May 14 — 1 p.m.
Adults will learn the basics of using the computer, practice using the mouse, and using the keyboard.

Computer Class: Make the Most of Library Computers
Thursday, May 14 — 2 p.m.
Adults will learn basic computer terminology and how to use Windows & OpenOffice. Participants must know how to use a mouse.

Computer Class: Navigating the Net
Monday, May 18 — 2 p.m. or 6:30 p.m.
Adults will explore the library's home page and learn about web addresses, links, search engines and other aspects of the World Wide Web.

Books & Chat
Wednesday, May 20 — 6:30 p.m.
Readers will discuss *The Dovekeepers* by Alice Hoffman, a novel inspired by the tragic first-century massacre of hundreds of Jewish people.

Genealogy Basics
Friday, May 22 — 2 p.m.
Adults will discover the amount of information available on the Internet for tracing their ancestors and how to use the library's Ancestry Library, Heritage Quest, and Pro-Quest Obituaries databases, with time do do some online research.

Travel the World Without Leaving Home
Tuesday, May 26 — 2 p.m.
Travel through Missouri via the library's cinematic screen, with sights that include the St. Louis Arch, Kansas City fountains, Harry S. Truman Presidential Library, and much more.

Teen GameFest
Wednesday, May 27 — 3-5 p.m.
Teens are invited to play *Wii, PlayStation* and board games. Snacks and drinks provided.

Sensational Science
Thursday, May 28 — 4 p.m.
Teens will experiment, plan, build, and compute. Explore S T E A M – Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts & Math with sensational projects.

Dyer-Schererville Branch

1001 W. Lincoln Hwy., Schererville, IN 46375
322-4731
www.lcplin.org/branches/ds.htm

Personalized Reading Suggestions
May 1-31 — All Day
Schedule an appointment during library open hours with a reader's adviser and start building your 'to read' list.

Blood Pressure Screenings
Tuesday, May 5 — 10:30 a.m.
Free blood pressure screenings are offered by medical representatives. *No appointment or registration needed.*

eBook Help
Wednesday, May 6 — 6 p.m.
While help is always available, on the 1st Wednesday of each month, a library sets aside a full hour to assist with free downloadable eBooks, audiobooks, magazines, and music. *Registration is not required.*

Heartland Blood Drive
Tuesday, May 12 — 3:30 – 7:30 p.m.
Call 322-4731 to schedule an appointment or walk in to donate blood at the Heartland Blood Center Coach stationed in the library parking lot.

Stamp Class
Tuesday, May 12 — 6:30 p.m.
Adults and teens will work on projects created with rubber stamps. There is a $5 fee to cover the cost of materials provided. Please bring a glue stick.

Join the Teen Advisory Board
Wednesday, May 13 — 6:30 p.m.
Teens 11-18 are welcome to come by, share in a snack, and help us plan for the summer reading program! *Registration is not required.*

Virtual Tourist
Wednesday, May 20 — 7 p.m.
Journey to the beautiful city of Budapest and the country of the Magyars – Hungary – by film while eating a local snack. *Registration is not required.*

Warp-Speed Math
Saturday, May 23 — 3 p.m.
Adults, as well as kids, will learn how to complete mathematical calculations quickly and easily, from addition & subtraction to square roots with a few tips and tricks.

Between the Lines
Wednesday, May 27 — 7 p.m.
or Thursday, May 28 — 10:15 a.m.
Four women in the isolated frontier territory go mad, and it is up to the unlikely combination of homesteader Mary Bee and ne'er-d-well Briggs to escort them to safety in *The Homesman* by Glendon Swarthout. *Registration is not required.*

Griffith-Calumet Twshp. Branch

1215 E. 45th Ave., Griffith, IN 46319
838-2825
www.lcplin.org/branches/gr.htm

Saturday Scrappers
Saturday, May 2 — 11 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Join this gathering to chat with like-minded scrapbookers while working on your own scrap book.

All Day Crafting
Tuesday, May 5 — All Day
Adults and teens are invited to stop in and craft a spring bouquet craft during this all-day event.

StoryLovers Book Group
Tuesday, May 5 — 5:30 p.m.
or Wednesday, May 6 — 10:30 a.m.
Read to discuss *Sisterland: A Novel* by Curtis Sittenfeld, a story of identical twin sisters with psychic abilities. One embraces her visions, while the other does her best to hide them, until a devastating earthquake may soon hit their hometown.

Registration required for all programs by phone or online except where noted.

Thursday Threaders
Thurs., May 7 to 28 10:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Every or any Thursday bring and work on your own project while enjoying the company of others.

TAB Meeting
Thursday, May 7 3:45 p.m.
Teens are invited to join our Teen Advisory Board, earn volunteer hours, prepare for Summer Reading events, and craft a special Mother's Day gift. *Registration is not required.*

Scrabble Night
Thursday, May 7 6-8 p.m.
Folks of all ages are invited to an evening of Scrabble – increase your vocabulary while having a great time. *Registration is not required.*

Mystery Loves Co. Discussion
Monday, May 11 1 p.m.
Read to discuss *The Monogram Murders* by Sophie Hannah. Hercule Poirot's quiet supper in a London coffee house is interrupted when a young woman confides to him that she is about to be murdered and begs him not to punish her killer.

Celebrity Stories with Tom Lounges
Monday, May 11 6:30 p.m.
Local radio personality, and music journalist, Tom Lounges, will share his exciting stories about his music memorabilia collection.

Great Decisions Discussion Group
Tuesdays, May 12 & 26 6:30 p.m.
As a new party comes into power embodying real change, the US has to determine how to best secure its interests as India asserts itself on the world stage.

Book Buddies
Monday, May 18 4 p.m.
Read to discuss *Longborn* by Jo Baker. When a mysterious new footman arrives, the orderly realm of the servants' hall in the Bennet household threatens to be completely, perhaps irrevocably, upended.

Vertical Gardening
Monday, May 18 7 p.m.
Learn to increase your garden space by growing vertically in this class provided by Master Gardener Stacey Haskins.

Blood Pressure Screening
Tuesday, May 19 10:30 a.m.
Free blood pressure screenings are provided by medical representatives. *Registration is not required.*

Movie Wednesday
Wednesday, May 20 2 p.m.
Starring Academy Award winner, Helen Mirren, this uplifting story bursts with flavor in Southern France as a chilly chef protests the opening of an Indian restaurant just 100 feet from her French restaurant. Rated PG 13, run time 122 minutes.

Time to Travel Series
Wednesday, May 27 2 p.m.
From snow mountains to mosques, and cultural relics, the viewer will be amazed at the beauty of the largest country in the Middle East – Iran.

Graphic Novel Book Club
Thursday, May 28 5:30 p.m.
Teen fans of graphic novels will discuss *Batman: Under the Red Hood* by Judd Winick.

Highland Branch

2841 Jewett St., Highland, IN 46322
838-2394
www.lcplin.org/branches/hi.htm

History on Film
Monday, May 4 2 p.m. & 6:30 p.m.
Viewers will examine the life and career of Allan Pinkerton, founder of the Pinkerton National Detective Agency, who came to be known as America's number one private eye. *Registration is not required.*

Cinco de Mayo
Tuesday, May 5 6:30 p.m.
Guest presenter, Eliza Gonzalez, will discuss the history, culture, and significance of Cinco de Mayo both in this country and in Mexico. *Registration is not required.*

Teen Book Discussion
Wednesday, May 6 3:45 p.m.
Read to discuss *The Graveyard Book* by Neil Gaiman, the story of Nobody Owens, a normal boy, except that he has been raised by ghosts and other denizens of the graveyard. *Registration is not required.*

Fiction Book Discussion
Tuesday, May 12 2 p.m.
Read to discuss *Life After Life* by Kate Atkinson the story of Ursula Todd's unusual life who grows and dies repeatedly in a variety of ways while the century marches on toward its second cataclysmic world war. *Registration is not required.*

Teen Anime Club
Tuesday, May 12 6 p.m.
Teens will enjoy some snacks as they view a few episodes of this series featuring a school girl fascinated by the obscure world of competitive karuta (a card game). Rated TV-13. *Registration is not required.*

Highland Crime Watch Meeting
Wednesday, May 13 6:30 p.m.
The Highland Community Crime Watch is presented by Corporal Shawn Anderson (sanderson@highland.in.gov) and Officer Brandon Norris (bnorris@highland.in.gov). *Registration is not required.*

Teen Trading Card Game Mashup
Thursday, May 14 6 p.m.
Teen fans of Pokéman and Magic can bring their cards and match wits (and decks) against other Trading Card Gamers. (Age 10-18) *Registration is not required.*

Travel Film
Monday, May 18 2 p.m. & 6:30 p.m.
The mood and elegance of the tiny duchy of Monaco on the French Riviera attracts tourists, millionaires, ship owners, sportsmen, and film and pop stars. *Registration is not required.*

Stamp Camp
Wednesday, May 20 6:30 p.m.
With professional assistance, participants will design and complete customized greeting cards and more. There is a $5 fee to cover the cost of materials provided due at the time of class.

Inspirational Book Discussion
Thursday, May 21 2 p.m.
A Promise Kept by Robin Lee Hatcher is a true tale of love and devotion as a husband cares for his ill wife, sharing the story of their struggles and the lessons learned together about God's love. *Registration is not required.*

Gardening Class
Thursday, May 21 6:30 p.m.
Master Gardener Dian Fruth will present a class on attracting birds to your garden.

Teen Advisory Board
Wednesday, May 27 3:45 p.m.
Snacks will be served and plans will be made for upcoming projects by teens, 11 to 18 years of age. *Registration is not required.*

Once Upon a Crime
Thursday, May 28 7 p.m.
On a weekend camping trip, park ranger Anna Pigeon and her girlfriends encounter a band of violent kidnappers and realize that their ultimate challenge will be to stay alive. Join us as we discuss *Destroyer Angel* by Nevada Barr. *Registration is not required.*

Hobart Branch

100 N. Main St., Hobart, IN 46342
942-2243
www.lcplin.org/branches/ho.htm

Free Comic Book Day
Saturday, May 2 All Day
Stop by the circulation desk to pick up your free comic book (while supplies last).

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Branch Library Happenings

Travel to Rome
Tuesday, May 5 **2 p.m.**
See the remnants of the ancient empire in the city of Rome. Your visit includes later period sights of St. Peter's Square, the Basilica and more.

Teen Advisory Board Meeting
Monday, May 11 **3:30 p.m.**
Teens and 'tweens (12 and older) are invited to join the Teen Advisory Board to plan future programs, talk about books, and earn volunteer hours.

Classic Movies Series
Tuesday, May 12 **2 p.m.**
As part of a chain gang, Luke is a man who won't or can't conform to arbitrary rules in his captivity. The film is rated PG, 126 minutes run time.

Stitch and Chat
Wednesday, May 13 & 27 **6:30-8 p.m.**
Bring your crochet, knitting, needlework or other craft and create while enjoying the company of other crafters. Need to learn? We'll get you started.

Contemporary Book Club
Tuesday, May 19 **10:30 a.m.**
In *Behind the Beautiful Forevers* by Katherine Boo, poor residents in India believe that good times are on their way, but as hopes intersect with global truths, the true contours of a competitive age are revealed.

Found on Pinterest
Tuesday, May 19 **2 p.m.**
Drop in to make a project found on Pinterest. Let's see if we can nail it! All supplies provided.

Sit and Stitch
Tuesday, May 26 **2 p.m.**
Bring your current handicraft to share with others. No rules, just fun.

Lake Station-New Chicago

2007 Central Avenue, Lake Station, IN 46405
962-2409
www.lcplin.org/branches/lsnc.htm

English as a Second Language
May 4, 11, 13, 18 20, & 27 **4-8 p.m.**
Neighbors' Educational Opportunities (NEO) offers English language classes. To register call (219) 850-4448 or visit NEO's website at www.neoadulted.org.

Nutrition Classes In Spanish
Tuesday, May 5 & 12 **11:30 a.m.**
Purdue University Cooperative Extension is offering this class in Spanish to our local community with timely talks on nutrition topics, food budgeting, and healthy living ideas by Family Nutrition Adviser Mitzi Egnatz (219) 730-3984.

Book Chat
Thursday, May 7 **10:30 a.m.**
Convicted and sentenced to 15 months in a correctional facility, a well-heeled Smith College graduate learns to navigate life in the penal system. *Orange is the New Black* by Piper Kerman offers a rare look into the lives of women in prison. Check out the book – read it- have an opinion while eating snacks.

Family Nutrition Class
Friday, May 8 **11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.**
Purdue Cooperative Extension Service Nutrition Adviser, Belinda Stepnowski, provides a variety of food and nutrition topics to adults and children, demonstrating how to prepare quick, tasty, and healthy low-cost foods.

Teen Gaming
Tuesday, May 12 **6-7:30 p.m.**
Teens are invited to play video games on Will and PlayStation, as well as board games. Snacks provided. *Registration not required.*

Coffee, Donuts and a Movie
Wednesday, May 13 **10:30 a.m.**
Paul Newman stars as Luke Jackson, a cool, gutsy prisoner in a Southern chain gang, who keeps escaping only to be recaptured. Refreshments served. Rated PG, 126 minutes run time. *Registration not required.*

Movie Wednesday
Wednesday, May 13 **2 p.m.**
Matthew Broderick stars in the ultimate skipping school movies! Rated PG-13, 103 minutes run time. Refreshments served. *Registration not required.*

WiFi Available

Merrillville Branch

1919 W. 81st Ave., Merrillville, IN 46410
769-3541
www.lcplin.org/branches/cnl.htm

Internet Safety for Parents
Saturday, May 2 **2 p.m.**
Anastasia Trekles, Ph.D. From Purdue University presents a program for parents about internet and social media safety. Ext. 337 *Registration not required.*

Ask Me! I Work Here!
Mondays, May 4-25 **2 to 4 p.m.**
Every Monday library staff will answer your questions about library materials that should work on your computer or portable device. Bring in your electronics and let us figure out the answer to your questions. Ext. 212

English as a Second Language
Mon. & Wed., May 4 – 27 **6:30 p.m.**
English classes for those learning English include speaking, reading, and writing at various levels of instruction are provided free of charge. Contact Rosella Garcia, Literacy Coordinator at Ext. 336.

Movie Time
Saturday, May 9 **1 p.m.**
Enjoy popcorn and beverages as we watch this true-life tale of Louis Zamperini, the Olympic track star who survived a plane crash in World War II, only to fight for his life against nature and eventually as a prisoner of war. Rated PG-13; 137 minutes run time. *Registration not required.*

Teen Anime Club
Tuesday, May 19 **6-8 p.m.**
Teens (13 to 18) are invited to an anime movie night. Follow this high school student, who can see ghosts, and begins training as a Soul Reaper. Snacks provided. *Registration not required.*

Introduction to Alzheimer's Disease
Friday, May 22 **10 a.m. - 1 p.m.**
Join this free informational and interactive session focusing on understanding the disease process of progressive dementia. A light lunch is provided at 11:30am, followed by a session on advanced issues and strategies. Register by calling toll free – 1-888-303-0180.

Rubber Stamp Class
Saturday, May 23 **10 a.m.**
Create greeting cards and other fun projects with a craft expert. Please bring scissors and adhesive. There is a $10 fee due at the time of class to cover the cost of supplies. Ext. 212

Starting Point for the Genealogist
Friday, May 29 **1-3 p.m.**
Presented by Marlene Polster, Indiana state appointed Lake County Genealogist and President of the Northwest Indiana Genealogical Society will cover genealogy basics and give tips for starting to creating a family tree. Ext. 336

Registration required for all programs by phone or online except where noted.

Munster Branch

8701 Calumet Ave., Munster, IN 46321
836-8450
www.lcplin.org/branches/mu.htm

First Person Singular Book Discussion
Wednesday, May 6 — 7 p.m.

Valerie Pennanen, Asst Professor of History at Calumet College of St. Joseph, will facilitate a discussion of autobiographical accounts and memoirs from around the world. Reading selections are available at the circulation desk.

Teen Movie
Thursday, May 7 — 3:15 p.m.

Arriving at her new college, Beca finds herself in a clique alongside mean girls, sweet girls, and weird girls whose only thing in common is how good they sound when they sing together. Rated PG-13; 112 minutes run time.

One-on-One Computer Help
Monday, May 11 — 10:30 a.m.
Tuesday, May 12 — 10:30 a.m.

A librarian is available to answer your computer questions, provide assistance with online library materials, and more.

Classic Film
Monday, May 11 — 2 p.m.

A has-been Hollywood dancer joins forces with a temperamental stage producer to put on a Broadway musical. Starring Fred Astaire and Cyd Charisse; not rated; 112 minutes run time.

Independent Film
Tuesday, May 12 — 2 p.m. & 6:30 p.m.

Set against the backdrop of contemporary Marrakesh, this film is a cross-cultural drama of a wealthy middle-aged Frenchman's complex relationship with local youth. In French and Moroccan Arabic with English subtitles. Not rated; adults only; 112 minutes run time. [cc]

Downloading eBooks, Audiobooks & Magazines
Wednesday, May 13 — 10:30 a.m.
Wednesday, May 27 — 6:30 p.m.

Participants will learn how to download free eBooks, audiobooks, and online magazines from the library.

Gardening Class
Wednesday, May 13 — 6:30 p.m.

This class – Gardening Made Easy: Work Smarter, Not Harder – presented by Master Gardener Victoria Jostes, offers tips and tricks to make your gardening time safer and easier in ways you might never have considered.

Teen Study Hall
Monday, May 18 — 3:30-7:30 p.m.
Wednesday, May 20 — 3:30-6 p.m.

Studying for finals? The meeting room has been reserved for quiet study for students.

AARP Smart Driving Class
Tuesday, May 19 — 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.

To refresh your driving skills and learn defensive driving techniques, proven safety strategies, new traffic laws, and rules of the road, sign-up for the AARP Smart Driver Course. The course is $15 for AARP members and $20 for non-members. Please be sure to register.

Explore Hungary
Thursday, May 21 — 2 p.m. & 7 p.m.

Visit Hungary, a small country in the heart of Europe, carrying a thousand-year-old past.

Blood Pressure Screening
Thursday, May 28 — 10 a.m. - Noon

A medical representatives provides free blood pressure screenings. *No appointments or registration needed.*

Thursday Afternoon Book Club
Thursday, May 28 — 1:30 p.m.

On the Ojibwe reservation in North Dakota, a fourteen-year old boy seeks justice and understanding in the wake of a terrible crime that upends and forever transforms his family in *The Round House* by Louise Erdrich.

Great Books Discussion
Thursday, May 28 — 7 p.m.

Readers are invited to a discourse of *Faust, Part One* by Goethe, a selection from the fifth series of Great Books chosen by University of Chicago's Hutchins & Adler.

St. John Branch

9450 Wicker Avenue, St. John, IN 46373
365-5379
www.lcplin.org/branches/sj.htm

Teen Volunteer Training
Sat., May 2 or 16 — 10 a.m. or 2 p.m.
Friday, May 8 — 4:30 p.m.
Monday, May 18 — 6:30 p.m.

Teens and a parent will learn about the volunteer opportunities at the St. John Branch Library. Please call to register and bring your library card.

Stamp Camp
Monday, May 4 — 6:30 p.m.

Express your creativity with rubber stamps and decorative paper. There is a $5 fee to cover the cost of materials provided due at the time of class.

Sit & Stitch
Wednesdays, May 6 & 20 — 6:30 p.m.

Bring your crochet, knitting, or sewing project and gather with others who have a common thread!

Gardening Class: How to Have a Great Garden
Monday, May 11 — 7 p.m.

Master Gardener Kathy Bartley will discuss what it means to have a beautiful garden, where to buy and put flowers and plants based on cold tolerance and heat zones. The class is sponsored by the St. John Garden Club.

Travel Film Series
Tuesday, May 12 — 2 p.m.

Travel with us to explore South Korea, a land of ancient tradition and contemporary life. Refreshments served.

Page Turners Book Club
Wednesday, May 13 — 6:30 p.m.

We'll discuss *The Light Between Oceans* by M. L. Stedman, soon to be a major motion picture by Steven Spielberg's Dreamworks. The miraculous arrival of a child to a barren couple delivers profound love, but also the seeds of destruction.

Classic Film Series
Thursday, May 28 — 2 p.m.

Join us for a movie and snack as we watch the suspense film where Paula Anton is slowly tormented by mysterious happenings in her home. The film features Ingrid Bergman and Angela Lansbury. Not rated; 114 minutes run time.

Ask a Librarian

Q: I am writing to inquire about Cedar Lake in the 1960s. I am wondering if you have maps with the street names from around that time period. If so, how would one be able to get a copy?

A: We do have some old phone books from Cedar Lake that have street maps in them. They didn't start putting maps in the phone books until 1966, the print is very small to read but could probably be enlarged on the photocopier. We also have Township maps from 1966 and 1968 that have street maps in them.

All of the above items are located in our Indiana Collection which is located on the Upper Level of the library.

If you come into the library, we will be happy to show you where these items are.

Throughout the year Lake County Public Library receives generous donations from the community and our wonderful patrons. We would like to thank those who have made donations from January to March.

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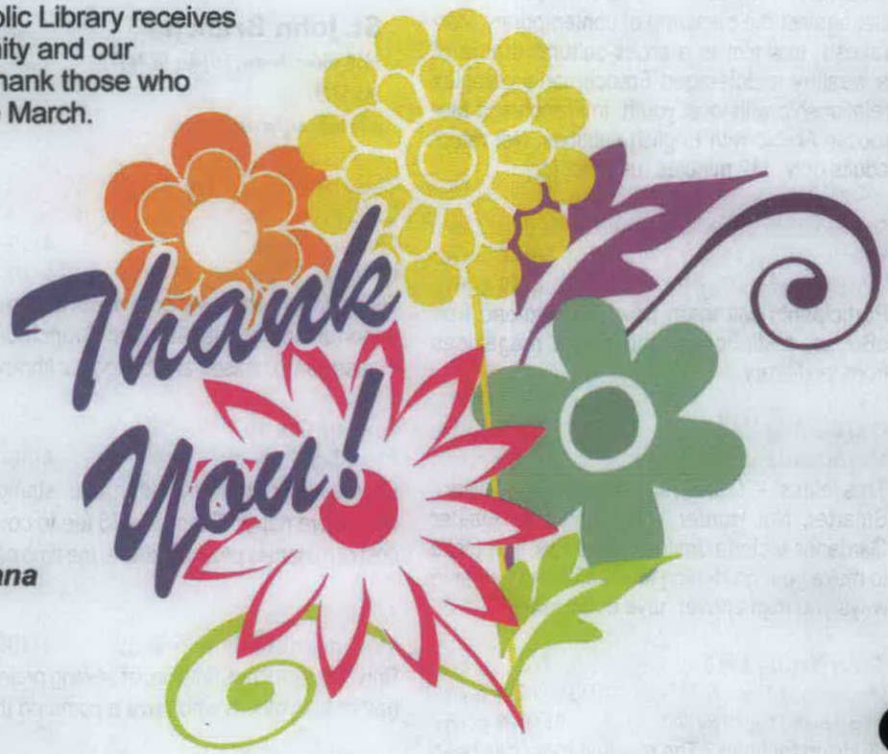

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May Children's Classes

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Mother's Day

Storytimes

MOTHER GOOSE ON THE LOOSE!

Birth-23 mo.
and a caregiver

This 30 minute lapsit program uses songs, rhymes, and finger plays to encourage interaction and foster language development and motor skills.

Cedar Lake Branch:
1st & 3rd Friday 10:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m.

Dyer-Schererville Branch:
2nd & 3rd Monday 10:30 a.m.
or 2nd & 3rd Tuesday 10:30 a.m.

Griffith-Calumet Twp. Branch
4th Wednesday 10:30 a.m.
2nd Thursday 10:30 a.m.

Hobart Branch:
1st Wednesday 10:30 a.m.

Merrillville Branch:
1st Tuesday 10 a.m.

Munster Branch:
2nd & 4th Wednesday 10:30 a.m.

St. John Branch:
2nd & 4th Thursday 10:15 a.m.

2-3 Year Olds

This 45 minute program is filled with stories, songs, and finger plays, and a craft.

(Caregivers must be present during program.)

Cedar Lake Branch:
2nd Thursday 10:30 a.m.

Dyer-Schererville Branch:
2nd & 3rd Wed. 10:15 a.m., 11:15 a.m.
1:30 p.m.

Griffith-Calumet Twp. Branch
1st & 3rd Wednesday 10:30 a.m.

Hobart Branch:
2nd Monday 10:30 a.m.
3rd Friday 10:30 a.m.

Merrillville Branch:
1st Monday 10 a.m.

Munster Branch:
2nd Monday 10:15 or 11: 15 a.m.

St. John Branch:
1st & 3rd Tues. 10:15 a.m., 11:15 a.m.

4-5 Year Olds

This hour program is filled with stories, songs, finger plays, and a craft.

Cedar Lake Branch:
1st & 3rd Tuesday 10:30 a.m., 1 p.m.

Dyer-Schererville Branch:
2nd & 3rd Monday 1:30 p.m.
or 2nd & 3rd Tuesday 1:30 p.m.

Griffith-Calumet Twp. Branch
1st & 3rd Tuesday 1 p.m.

Hobart Branch:
1st Monday 10:30 a.m. or 1:30 p.m.

Merrillville Branch:
2nd Tuesday 10: a.m.

Munster Branch:
1st Tuesday 10:30 a.m.

St. John Branch:
2nd & 4th Tuesday 10:30 a.m.
2nd & 4th Friday 10:30 a.m.

Cedar Lake Branch

10010 E. 133rd Ave.,Cedar Lake, IN 46303
374-7121
www.lcplin.org/branches/cl.htm

Snack & Plan
Monday, May 4 **4 p.m.**
Members of T A B, Teen Advisory Board, and those wishing to join (11 and older), will have fun while earning volunteer hours. Eat, play games, plan programs for teens 7 younger kids, and participate in other volunteer activities.

Try it Tuesday
Tuesday, May 12 **4 p.m.**
Teens will create art (and snacks, too) with all materials provided.

Wildcard Wednesday
Wednesday, May 1 **4 p.m.**
Teens can drop in for D I Y crafts, projects and/or activities with all materials and snacks provided.

Teen GameFest
Wednesday, May 27 **3-5 p.m.**
Teens are invited to play *Wii, PlayStation* and/or board games. Tournaments available for those who want to compete for prizes. Snacks and drinks provided.

Sensational Science
Thursday, May 28 **4 p.m.**
Teens will experiment, plan, build, and compute. Explore S T E A M – Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts & Math with sensational projects.

Dyer-Schererville Branch

1001 W. Lincoln Hwy., Schererville, IN 46375
322-4731
www.lcplin.org/branches/ds.htm

Kids Art Club
Tuesday, May 5 **4:30 p.m.**
Children in 2nd through 6th grade will learn to draw and paint in this monthly program.

Mother's Day Celebration
Tuesday, May 5 **6:30 p.m.**
Children in kindergarten through grade 6 are invited to bring their Moms to this special Mother's Day Celebration to hear stories, play games, make a craft, and have snacks.

Dynamite DUPLOs
Wednesday, May 6 **10:30 a.m.**
In this 30 minute program for 2 to 5 year old children, accompanied by a caregiver, will participate in simple patterning and building activities with DUPLO blocks.

LEGO Club
Thursday, May 7 **6:30 p.m.**
Children in kindergarten to grade 6 will use their creativity to build unique projects with the library's LEGO bricks.

Join the Teen Advisory Board
Wednesday, May 13 **6:30 p.m.**
Teens 11-18 are welcome to come by, share in a snack, and help us plan for the summer reading program! *Registration is not required.*

Power Paws for Kids
Saturday, May 16 **11 a.m.**
Children of all ages have the opportunity to read a library book to one of the registered Delta Society pet Partner dogs (accompanied by their trainers) provided through Power Paws for Kids, a non-profit organization. *Registration is not required.*

Summer Reading Volunteer Training Meeting
Tuesday, May 26 **3 p.m.**
or Thursday, May 28 **5:30 p.m.**
or Saturday, May 30 **2 p.m.**
Any child that is at least 11 years of age who would like to volunteer during the summer reading program, must attend one meeting (even if you have volunteered previously). A volunteer application must be completed and signed by a parent.

Home School Art Club
Wednesday, May 27 **10:30 a.m.**
Children, 7 to 12 years of age, will learn to draw and paint in this monthly club.

Griffith-Calumet Twshp. Branch

1215 E. 45th Ave., Griffith, IN 46319
838-2825
www.lcplin.org/branches/gr.htm

Art Club
Monday, May 4 **6 p.m.**
Kids in kindergarten to grade 5 will create a fun project and learn something new about art.

T A B Meeting
Thursday, May 7 **3:45 p.m.**
Teens are invited to join our Teen Advisory Board, earn volunteer hours, prepare for Summer Reading events, and craft a special Mother's Day gift. *Registration is not required.*

Summer Reading Volunteer Training
Wednesday, May 13 **4 p.m.**
Tuesday, May 19 **6 p.m.**
Saturday, May 23 **1 p.m.**
Kids who have completed 4th grade and older will receive training to work the Summer Reading Prize Table, as well as other volunteer duties from June 8 to August 1.

LEGO Mania
Monday, May 18 **4 p.m.**
Children in kindergarten through grade 5 will build with the library's LEGO blocks.

Graphic Novel Book Club
Thursday, May 28 **5:30 p.m.**
Teen fans of graphic novels will discuss *Batman: Under the Red Hood* by Judd Winick.

S T E A M Team
Thursday, May 28 **6 p.m.**
Kids in 1st through 5th grade will learn about Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math using games, experiments, and crafts to explore each topic.

Highland Branch

2841 Jewett St., Highland, IN 46322
838-2394
www.lcplin.org/branches/hi.htm

Hobart Branch

100 N. Main St., Hobart, IN 46342
942-2243
www.lcplin.org/branches/ho.htm

LEGO Night
Tuesday, May 5 **6 p.m.**
Children in kindergarten to grade 6 will use their imagination to create structures using LEGO bricks.

May Flowers
Tuesday, May 12 **6 p.m.**
Children in kindergarten to grade 6 will make a spring craft and hear a story.

Lake Station-New Chicago Branch

2007 Central Avenue, Lake Station, IN 46405
962-2409
www.lcplin.org/branches/lsnc.htm

Family Nutrition
Friday, May 8 **11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.**
Belinda Stepnowski, Family Nutrition Adviser from Purdue Cooperative Extension Service will discuss a variety of food and nutrition topics to adults and children. She will show how to prepare quick, tasty, and healthy low-cost foods.

Family Story Time
Tuesday, May 12 **10:30 a.m.**
Families can enjoy a story time includes stories, songs, and finger plays.

It's LEGO Night
Wednesday, May 27 **6 p.m.**
Children of all ages are invited to have fun making their own creative LEGO designs. Refreshments served.

Registration required for all programs by phone or online except where noted.

Merrillville Branch

1919 W. 81st Ave., Merrillville, IN 46410
769-3541
www.lcplin.org/branches/cnl.htm

Craft Table for Children
May 1 to 31 **All Day**
Children of all ages are welcome to make a craft at the craft table in the Youth Services department during library open hours.

Board Game Fun
Wednesday, May 6 **6 p.m.**
Children in kindergarten to grade 5 are invited to play fun board games. Family members are welcome to join in.

Mother's Day Craft Class
Thursday, May 7 **4 p.m.**
Children in kindergarten through grade 5 are welcome to complete a special craft as a Mother's Day gift.

LEGO Club
Monday, May 11 **4 p.m.**
Children in kindergarten through grade 5 will have fun making their own unique LEGO structures. The only requirement is imagination.

Teen Anime Club
Tuesday, May 19 **6-8 p.m.**
Teens (13 to 18) are invited to an anime movie night. Follow this high school student, who can see ghosts, and begins training as a Soul Reaper. Snacks provided. *Registration not required.*

Gaming Night
Wednesday, May 20 **6 p.m.**
Children in kindergarten through grade 5 are invited to get together to play *Wii, Playstation 2*, and board games. Snacks served.

Munster Branch

8701 Calumet Ave., Munster, IN 46321
836-8450
www.lcplin.org/branches/mu.htm

Power Paws for Reading
Thursday, May 7 **6 p.m.**
Power Paws for Kids is a unique program where children are matched up with a dog and a volunteer to practice reading aloud. All levels of readers are welcome.

LEGO Building
Thursday, May 14 **3 to 7 p.m.**
Young LEGO enthusiasts, kindergarten and up, are invited to stop by any time from 3 to 7 p.m. for some creative building time with other kids. Participants will construct with LEGO blocks, then share their creations with the group.

St. John Branch

9450 Wicker Avenue, St. John, IN 46373
365-5379
www.lcplin.org/branches/sj.htm

Craft Table for Children
May 1 to 30 **All Day**
Children of all ages are welcome to make a fun craft during library open hours. Stop by the circulation desk for supplies.

Teen Volunteer Training
Sat., May 2 or 16 **10 a.m. or 2 p.m.**
Friday, May 8 **4:30 p.m.**
Monday, May 18 **6:30 p.m.**
Teens and a parent will learn about the volunteer opportunities at the St. John Branch for the summer. Please bring your library card and call to register.

Kids' Art Club
Thursday, May 7 **4:30 p.m.**
Kids in kindergarten through grade 5 are invited for art and craft activities.

Stuffed Animal Sleepover
Thursday, May 21 **4:30 p.m.**
Children of all ages should bring a stuffed animal, as they and their families listen to stories. Then leave their stuffed animal at the library for a sleepover. Everyone is invited back the next day, anytime after 10am, to pick up their stuffed animal and see the fun things they did overnight.

Power Paws for Kids
Saturday, May 23 **11 a.m.**
Children of all ages at any reading level will enjoy reading to Power Paws service dogs.

Music Family Story Time
Wednesday, May 27 **6:30 p.m.**
Children and their families will listen to stories about music, make a craft, and participate in other fun activities.

Geocaching at the Libraries

What's Geocaching?

A compass is helpful when geocaching - or a GPS device-Geocaching is a scavenger hunt-like hobby that takes people to all sorts of interesting locations hunting for treasures (called caches). After hiding the cache, the hider records the longitude and latitude of the location for seekers to use. Seekers use GPS devices to get them as close as possible to the cache and then hunt for it.

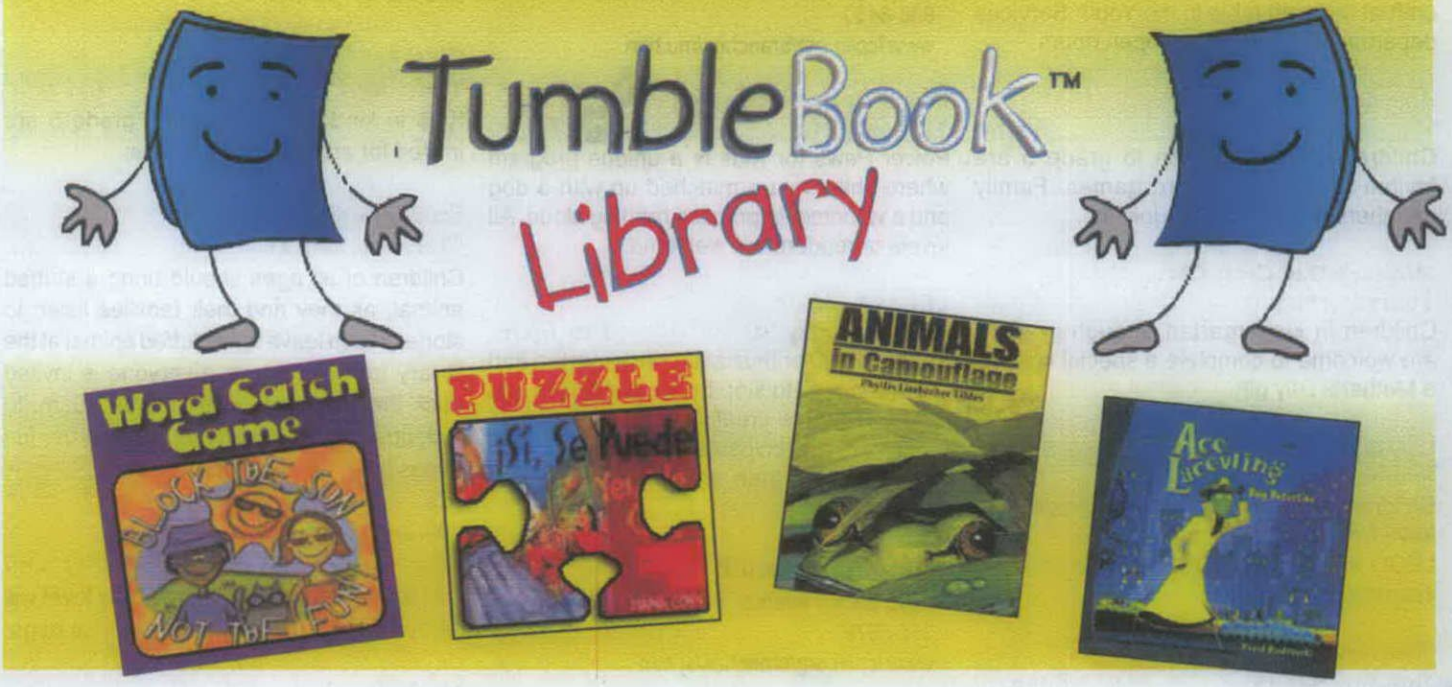
Once you find the cache, you sign the logbook contained inside. You might find some cool swag to take with you, too!

The official geocaching site is www.geocaching.com. It's free for anyone to join and to hunt caches all over the world. When you find a cache, you can log on to geocaching.com and leave a message in the online logbook for each cache, too, or share pictures of your adventure searching for the cache. The library's geocaching profile (including all of our hides) can be found here.

Need more info?

Read the official geocaching.com guide.

Check out our website... free eBooks for kids



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ScienceFlix is structured using topical units with different reading levels in each resource to make it easier for teachers to teach the whole class, too. Tablet ready, this database contains everything you need to make learning science immersive and fun! Get Started.

If your school is not one of those partnered with Lake County Public Library, tell your administration you're interested! Partnering with the library means that you get a Digital Access Card so you can use library resources right away from any location without ever setting foot in one of our buildings.

Research for Projects and Homework

We have a fine selection of databases for your research needs. English paper coming up? Gotcha covered. Science project? No problem. Anything you need to learn about, you can find it here.

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Library Happenings

JUNE 2015

ESCAPE THE ORDINARY

Sign up for Your Library's Summer Reading Events June 8 – August 1

Got a favorite hero? During this year's Summer Reading Program, we'll learn how ***Every Hero Has a Story*** – from the super-powered to the locals in our own community! Children coming to the Lake County libraries will learn about, celebrate, and even meet heroes of all types, including animals, firefighters, doctors, heroes from history, those who have served or are currently serving in the armed forces, caped avengers, and more! They'll even explore how they can be a hero to others!

Pre-readers can develop early literacy skills while earning prizes along the way! Toddlers and preschoolers (ages 2-5) earn prizes for every 10 books read to them. Children in grade-school earn prizes for every ten books they read (50 pages of a chapter book = 1 book). Traditional books, magazines, graphic novels, ebooks and audiobooks all count!

There are great programs available for children at each branch and you can find information about them in our printed calendars or online at www.lcplin.org. Programs tend to fill up quickly, so we definitely encourage you to pre-register. Sign up online at www.lcplin.org, or call or come in to your local branch. *It's going to be a Super Summer!*

Teens are encouraged to participate in this year's theme - ***Unmask*** - by picking up some great books – new or old favorites - and read for prizes. Submit an entry form for every 100 pages read, or for each magazine or audio-book. There are weekly drawings for gift cards, eligibility for a grand prize of a gift card and a pretty awesome bag of goodies! Not only that, many locations have planned really fun and creative teen activities. Check our calendar for dates.

Keep in mind that there are plenty of volunteer opportunities available during summer reading too! And it looks great on college applications!

Children and teens aren't the only ones who have reason to be excited about visiting the library this summer. Adults, too, may read for a chance to win wonderful prizes including: **an overnight stay at the Radisson, a Kindle Fire, a pair of Theatre at the Center tickets, or (4) tickets to a Chicago White Sox game** just to name a few!

Those who check out and read Lake County Public Library books, magazines, audio books, eBooks, eAudiobooks, or eZines may fill out an entry form for each library item they've read. Prize winners will be drawn every week during our ***Escape the Ordinary*** event. Multiple grand prize winners will also be selected during the first week of August.

Visit any of the nine branches to sign up for our adult summer reading event, ***Escape the Ordinary***. The more you read and enter, the better your chances of winning.

Happy reading!

Online!

June 1st to 30th

BOOKreMARKS Online

This is a month-long, online book discussion available to anyone, anywhere, at any time of day through email of: *Saving Civility: 52 Ways to Tame Rude, Crude & Attitude for a Polite Planet* by Sara Hacala. Cyber-bullying, hostile and polarizing political infighting, and tasteless and tactless behavior may be on the rise, but it doesn't have to be this way. The author, a certified etiquette and protocol consultant, offers a definitive look at what civility means and how it can change the nature of everyday interaction. Tapping the wisdom of ancient spiritual luminaries, she provides fifty-two practical ways to reverse the course of incivility and make the world a more enriching, pleasant place to live.

To join the discussion send an email to remarks@lcplin.org.

Online Book Discussion for Teens

Teens can participate in this month-long, online book discussion available at any time of day from anywhere of the novel: *Eleanor and Park* by Rainbow Rowell. Set over the course of a school year, it is the story of two star-crossed misfits, smart enough to know that first love almost never lasts, but brave and desperate enough to try.

To join email teenreads@lcplin.org.
Call 219-769-3541 Ext. 335 for more information.

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Branch Library Happenings

Cedar Lake Branch

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374-7121
www.lcplin.org/branches/cl.htm

Crochet @ Your Library
Monday, June 1 — **7 p.m.**
Adults and teens will learn beginning stitches. Bring a skein of 100% cotton yarn and a size H crochet hook.

Pinterest Basics
Saturday, June 6 — **1 p.m.**
Make your own Pinterest account and start pinning; a great site for helping you keep and organize things you find online.

Comic Mania
Mon. & Tues., June 8 & 9 — **4 p.m.**
Teens will create online, 3-D, and comic book art. All supplies, and snacks, provided.

History on Film
Tuesday, June 9 — **2 p.m.**
Travel through history via the library's big screen to view this film that commemorates D-Day and the courage of those involved.

Ask Me! Employment Resources @ Your Library
Thursday, June 11 — **11 a.m.**
Librarians are prepared to help one-on-one: research jobs, organize a resume, proofread your resume, sign up for free email accounts, introduce online job searching, upload your resume, and answer specific job questions.

Email Basics Computer Class
Monday, June 15 — **2 p.m.**
Participants will learn the basics of using email, sending and receiving mail, and using attachments.

Books & Chat
Wednesday, June 17 — **6:30 p.m.**
Readers will discuss *A Constellation of Vital Phenomena* by Anthony Marra, a complex, sobering and moving novel set in rural Chechnya during the region's war with Russia.

Mystery Dinner Theater
Thursday, June 18 — **4 p.m.**
Mystery, murder, and mayhem! Teens solve crime for prizes and everyone wins! Enjoy a pizza dinner and play games, too.

Travel the World Without Leaving Home
Tuesday, June 23 — **2 p.m.**
Visit Hong Kong, the center of Asian business and trade as you travel via the library's cinematic screen.

Super Heroes Everywhere!
Monday, June 29 — **6:30 p.m.**
Everyone can be a hero as teens enjoy super stories and fun about heroes – human, animal, and make-believe.

Dyer-Schererville Branch

1001 W. Lincoln Hwy., Schererville, IN 46375
322-4731
www.lcplin.org/branches/ds.htm

Personalized Reading Suggestions
June 1-30 — **All Day**
Call to schedule an appointment with a reader's adviser and start building your 'to read' list.

Independent Film
Monday, June 1 — **1-2:30 p.m.**
The young leader of a punk rock band needs money to save her family from eviction and to realize her dreams for the band. She agrees to a fast cash proposition smuggling drugs for a dangerous dealer. *Registration is not required.*

Blood Pressure Screenings
Tuesday, June 2 — **10:30 a.m.**
Free blood pressure screenings are offered by medical representatives. *Registration is not required.*

eBook Help
Wednesday, June 3 — **6 p.m.**
A librarian will assist adults with free downloadable eBooks, eAudiobooks, eMusic, and/or eMagazines.

Read & Win this Summer
June 8-August 1 — **All Day**
Fill out an entry form for every book, eBook, audio book, and/or magazine you read this summer to be included in weekly prizes.

Unmask an Extra-Ordinary Story
June 8-July 30 — **All Day**
Select an out-of-the-ordinary story from disguised books on display; return a short review; and be entered in a special prize drawing.

Stamp Class
Tuesday, June 9 — **6:30 p.m.**
Adults and teens will work on projects created with rubber stamps. There is a $5 fee to cover the cost of materials provided due at the time of class. Please bring a glue stick.

Cosplay/Superhero Photo Booth
Tuesday, June 16 — **2 p.m.**
Teens will get superhero-glamorous by chalking hair and dressing up (our costumes or yours). There are props, settings and a photo booth.

Anime Afternoon
Wednesday, June 17 — **2 p.m.**
Teens (11 to 18) will view favorite anime shows with popcorn and soda. *Registration is not required.*

Virtual Tourist
Wednesday, June 17 — **7 p.m.**
Journey to the beautiful island of Japan during cherry blossom season, and enjoy a snack from the region.

Build-A-Superhero!
Tuesday, June 23 — **2 p.m.**
Teens (11 to 18) will construct a Frankenstein-like superhero from parts of old plastic figurines.

Between the Lines
Wednesday, June 24 — **7 p.m.**
or Thursday, June 25 — **10:15 a.m.**
Where'd You Go, Bernadette? by Maria Semple is a compelling composite of a woman's life and the way she's viewed by the many people who share it. *Registration is not required.*

Superhero Science
Tuesday, June 30 — **2 p.m.**
We're looking for a few good superhero teens (11 to 18) who can safely drop eggs, design a working Batman car, and create enough slime to safely lower other superheroes.

Registration required for all programs by phone or online except where noted.

Griffith-Calumet Twshp. Branch

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838-2825
www.lcplin.org/branches/gr.htm

AARP Smart Driver Course
Monday, June 1 — 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Seniors learn defensive driving techniques, safety strategies, and new traffic laws and rules of the road. There is a fee due at the time of class. Call Jeanette Pike of AARP at 219-949-6307 for details and to register.

StoryLovers Book Group
Tuesday, June 2 — 5:30 p.m.
or Wednesday, June 3 — 10:30 a.m.

Read to discuss *Sisterland* by CurtisSittenfeld, an emotional story of two closely-linked siblings who share many similarities but ultimately choose different paths in life.

Thursday Threaders
Thurs., June 4 to 25 — 10:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Every or any Thursday, bring and work on your own project while enjoying the company of others.

T A B Meeting
Thursday, June 4 — 3:45 p.m.

Teens (grade 6 to 12) can participate in T A B (Teen Advisory Board) as they meet to plan future teen programs and earn volunteer hours.

Scrabble Night
Thursday, June 4 — 6-8 p.m.

Folks of all ages are invited to a fun evening of Scrabble.

Saturday Scrappers
Saturday, June 6 — 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Join this scrap book gathering to chat with other like minded scrap bookers while working on your scrap book.

Mystery Loves Co. Discussion
Monday, June 8 — 1 p.m.

Help for the Haunted by John Searles is the story of an unusual family, their secrets, their harrowing tragedy, and a daughter's discovery of a dark and unexpected mystery.

Teen Summer Reading Kickoff
Monday, June 15 — 3 p.m.

Teens can get started on summer reading, pick a team to join (DC or Marvel) and accumulate points through July 30th.

Blood Pressure Screening
Tuesday, June 16 — 10:30 a.m.

Free blood pressure screenings are provided by medical representatives.

Paper Creations
Tuesday, June 16 — 1 p.m.

Design personalized cards and more. There is a $5 fee to cover the cost of materials supplied due at the time of class. Bring adhesive and scissors.

Container Gardening
Tuesday, June 16 — 7 p.m.

Master Gardener Joy McCullough walks you through the steps of growing vegetables and other plants in containers.

Movie Wednesday
Wednesday, June 17 — 2 p.m.

This Academy Award winning film is the extraordinary story of love between the renowned astrophysicist Stephen Hawking and his tireless first wife, Jane. Stars Eddie Redmayne and Felicity Jones; rated PG-13, run time 124 minutes. *Registration is not required.*

Batmobiles and Rube Goldberg Courses
Thursday, June 18 — 3:45-6 p.m.

Teens bring your batmobile and test its speed on the Rube Goldberg course you will build.

Computer Class: Basic Job Search Skills
Monday, June 22 — 1:30 p.m.

Learn basic information about how to apply for a job, how to find job openings, and how to complete a simple resume.

Moon Called Book Discussion
Monday, June 22 — 6:30 p.m.

In *Wild Ride* by Jennifer Cruise a young woman returns home to restore an amusement park, falls in love with a clown, and discovers she's the newest recruit for an elite team of demon fighters called the Guardia.

Time to Travel Film
Wednesday, June 24 — 2 p.m.

The elegance of the tiny duchy of Monaco on the French Riviera attracts tourists, millionaires, ship owners, sportsmen, and film and pop stars with its casinos, racing, circus, opera festival and more. *Registration is not required.*

Teen Celebrity Name Game
Thursday, June 25 — 3 p.m.

Teens will test their superhero knowledge by playing Celebrity Name Game as points are awarded for the DC vs Marvel team challenge.

Graphic Novel Book Club
Thursday, June 25 — 5:30 p.m.

Teen fans of graphic novels are welcome to discuss *Captain America* by Rick Remender.

Computer Class: Social Media Basics
Saturday, June 27 — 10 a.m.

Adults will discover the basics of creating an email account and setting up a Facebook account. Basic computer skills required.

Book Buddies
Monday, June 29 — 4 p.m.

The Aviator's Wife by Melanie Benjamin, a fictional biography, spotlights Anne Morrow Lindbergh, wife of famous Charles Lindbergh and pioneering aviatrix and accomplished author in her own right.

Pinterest Computer Class
Tuesday, June 30 — 1-3 p.m.

Join the class and learn how to set up and use a Pinterest account. Then make a craft we find on the Pinterest board.

Highland Branch

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www.lcplin.org/branches/hi.htm

History on Film
Monday, June 1 — 2 p.m. & 6:30 p.m.

Take a tour of the estates in and around the city of Chicago including America's Castles and Windy City Estates. *Registration not required.*

Teen Book Discussion
Wednesday, June 3 — 2 p.m.

A comic-reading cynic is astonished after she rescues a squirrel that demonstrates powers of strength and flight after being revived in *Flora and Ulysseses* by Kate DiCamillo. *Registration not required.*

Fiction Book Discussion
Tuesday, June 9 — 2 p.m.

It soon becomes clear that students in Chef Lillian's cooking class seek a recipe for something beyond the kitchen in *The School of Essential Ingredients* by Erica Bauermeister. *Registration not required.*

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Branch Library Happenings

Hobart Branch
100 N. Main St., Hobart, IN 46342
942-2243
www.lcplin.org/branches/ho.htm

Teen Anime Club
Tuesday, June 9 **6 p.m.**
Teens will watch an episode of a popular new series while munching on snacks. *Registration not required.*

Ask Me! Employment Resources @ Your Library
Thursday, June 11 **11 a.m.**
Librarians are prepared to help one-on-one: research jobs, organize a resume, proofread your resume, sign up for free email accounts, introduce online job searching, upload your resume, and answer specific job questions.

Travel Film
Monday, June 15 **2 p.m. & 6:30 p.m.**
Tour the thousand year old country of Hungary, it's beautiful capital, Budapest, learn about the Puszta, and the traditions of horse keeping. *Registration not required.*

Teen Advisory Board
Wednesday, June 17 **2 p.m.**
Snacks will be served and plans made for upcoming projects. *Registration not required.*

Stamp Camp
Wednesday, June 17 **6:30 p.m.**
With professional assistance, participants will design and complete customized greeting cards. There is a $5 fee to cover the cost of materials due at the time of class.

Inspirational Book Discussion
Thursday, June 18 **2 p.m.**
Lurking in the past of an Assistant District Attorney is a dark secret that could end his successful career and possibly his relationship with his hoped for fiance. Read to discuss *The Confession* by Robert Whitlow. *Registration not required.*

Gardening Class
Thursday, June 18 **6:30 p.m.**
Master Gardner Debbie Doerr presents a program on creating a water garden and establishing a pond at home.

Classic/Feature Film
Monday, June 22 **2 p.m. & 6 p.m.**
A former tennis pro (Ray Milland) sets in motion the perfect plan to kill his wife (Grace Kelly). The only problem is, there's no such thing as a perfect murder. (c 1954, run time 105 minutes) *Registration not required.*

Trading Card Mash Up!
Wednesday, June 24 **2 p.m.**
Teens (11 to 18) are invited to bring their deck of Pokémon, Magic, or any other trading card to match wits against other trading card gamers. *Registration not required.*

Once Upon a Crime
Thursday, June 25 **7 p.m.**
This character-driven novel, *By Its Cover* by Donna Leon, looks at the ravages of rare book theft as a Venetian Commissario tries to unravel the brutal murder of a seemingly harmless theologian. *Registration not required.*

Classic/Feature Film
Monday, June 29 **2 p.m. & 6 p.m.**
Doris Day and James Garner star in this comedy about what happens when your 15 minutes of fame finally arrives – and turns your life upside down! (c 1963, run time 108 minutes). *Registration not required.*

Be a Gaming Hero
Monday, June 29 **6 p.m.**
In addition to live action PAC-MAN, teens (6th grade and up) will have a video game system and 'old school' board games to play. *Registration not required.*

Travel to Portugal
Tuesday, June 2 **2 p.m.**
Portugal is a country of churches, cathedrals, massive fortresses, magnificent castles, prosperous towns, and a glorious coastline!

Computer Class: Getting Started with Pinterest
Wednesday, June 3 2-4:30 p.m.
Learn about this pinboard-style, photo sharing website for users to create theme-based image collections of interests and hobbies. Please bring your own laptop, tablet, or smart phone to this class.

Computer Class: iPad Drop in Help
Wednesday, June 10 **2-4:30 p.m.**
Bring your iPad to the library and we will assist you with how to use it effectively.

Stitch and Chat
Wed., June 10 & 24 **6:30 p.m.**
Tuesday, June 23 **2 p.m.**
Bring your crochet, knitting, needlework or other craft and create while enjoying the company of others. If you want to learn, we'll get you started.

Teen Advisory Board Meeting
Monday, June 15 **3:30 p.m.**
Teens and 'tweens (ages 12 and up) are invited to join to plan future programs, talk about books and earn volunteer hours.

Contemporary Book Club
Tuesday, June 16 **10:30 a.m.**
The Language of Flowers by Vanessa Diffenbaugh is a vivid portrait of a woman whose gift for flowers helps her change the lives of others.

Found on Pinterest!
Tuesday, June 16 **2 p.m.**
Drop in to make a project found on Pinterest. All supplies will be provided.

eBook Help
Wednesday, June 17 **3 p.m.**
If you need help downloading an eBook, an eAudiobook, or are confused with all the options, stop in with your device for assistance.

FATHER'S DAY • SUNDAY • JUNE 21st
SUMMER BEGINS

Registration required for all programs by phone or online except where noted.

Teen Movie
Thursday, June 18 **2 p.m.**
In this comic book adventure, Army soldier Steve Rogers takes part in an experimental military program that infuses him with super human powers. Rated PG-13, run time 124 minutes.

Computer Class: Android Tablet Help
Wednesday, June 24 **2-4:30 p.m.**
Bring your android tablet to the library and we will assist you with how to use it.

Teens & 'Tweens
Thursday, June 25 **2 p.m.**
Teens and 'tweens (10 years of age and up) will make tie-dye t-shirts. Bring a light colored, cotton t-shirt to complete this project.

Lake Station-New Chicago
2007 Central Avenue, Lake Station, IN 46405
962-2409
www.lcplin.org/branches/lsnc.htm

Book Chat
Thursday, June 4 **10:30 a.m.**
And Then There Were None by Agatha Christie is the story of 10 strangers lured to Indian Island by a mysterious host. Unable to leave, each begin to share their darkest secrets. Check out the book, read it, have an opinion, eat snacks!

Anime Matinee
Monday, June 8 **2 p.m.**
An Amazon princess attempts to prevent the god of war from instigating a conflict that will destroy the human race. *Registration not required.*

Coffee, Donuts and a Movie
Wednesday, June 10 **10:30 a.m.**
John Wayne stars as the title character who teams up with Katherine Hepburn to track down the killers of her father. *Registration not required.*

Family Nutrition
Friday, June 12 **11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.**
Purdue Cooperative Extension Service Nutrition Adviser will discuss a variety of food and nutrition topics, showing participants how to prepare quick, tasty, and healthy low-cost foods.

Super Hero Puppets
Monday, June 15 **2 p.m.**
Teens will craft favorite hero puppets. Refreshments served.

Comic Magnets
Monday, June 22 **2 p.m.**
Teens will create comic magnets of super heroes. Refreshments served.

Teen Gaming
Monday, June 29 **2-4 p.m.**
Teens are invited to play video games on the Wii and/or board games. Snacks provided. *Registration not required.*

Merrillville Branch
1919 W. 81st Ave., Merrillville, IN 46410
769-3541
www.lcplin.org/branches/cnl.htm

Where's Dave?
June 1-July 31 **All Day**
Teens can search for Minion Dave, take a picture of him, show it to library staff at the reference desk and you'll be rewarded with a sweet treat. Ext. 334

English as a Second Language
Mon. & Wed., June 1-10 **6:30-8:30 p.m.**
Englishes classes are for those learning English as their second language. They include speaking, reading, and writing at different levels of instruction and are free of charge. Contact the Literacy Coordinator at ext. 336.

Ask Me! Employment Resources @Your Library
Wednesday, June 3 **11 a.m.**
Librarians are prepared to help one-on-one: research jobs; organize a resume; proofread your resume; sign up for free email accounts; introduce online job searching; upload your resume; and answer your specific job questions. Ext. 340

Teen Volunteer Meeting
Wednesday, June 3 **4 p.m.**
or Thursday, June 4 **6 p.m.**
Teens ages 11 through 17 who are interested in volunteering during the library's *Summer Reading Program* must attend a Volunteer Meeting in order to sign up. Ext. 360

Ask Me! I Work Here!
Mondays, June 8 & 22 **2-4 p.m.**
Drop in with your questions about library materials that should work on your computer or portable device. Library staff are prepared to answer your question(s) at the cafe vending area. Ext. 212

Friends of the Library Meeting
Tuesday, June 9 **1 p.m.**
All members and those interested in joining are invited to the bi-monthly Friends of Lake County Public Library Board meeting. Ext. 317.

Circle of Readers Book Discussion
Thursday, June 11 **6:15 p.m.**
Readers will discuss *Caramelo* by Sandra Cisneros. As the Reyes family travels by car from Chicago to Mexico for the summer, the multi-generational family narrative turns into a whirlwind exploration of storytelling, lies, and life. Ext. 212

Comic Con Summer Reading Kick-off
Saturday, June 13 **All Day**
All are invited to this family-friendly Comic Con for fans of comics, anime, and pop culture. Included are artists, dealers, a cosplay contest, table-top gaming, graphic novels, family fun challenges and more. Inappropriate costume or prop will be refused entry. Presented in cooperation with the NWI Comic Con. Ext. 212

Teen Post-It Note Heroes
Monday, June 15 **3 p.m.**
Teens will use an array of colored Post-It notes to create pre-designed superhero and video game characters on library walls and windows. Ext. 334

Sweet Adelines
Tuesday, June 16 **2 p.m.**
The Great Lake Sound Chorus, a local chapter of Sweet Adelines International, will perform a concert of favorite songs. Ext. 338

Teen Anime Club
Tuesday, June 16 **6-8 p.m.**
Teens (13 to 18) are invited to an anime movie night when the first three episodes of a popular series will be viewed. Snacks provided. *Registration not required.*

Escape the Ordinary with a Movie
Thursday, June 18 **6 p.m.**
Kal-El is sent by his parents to live on planet Earth, where he assumes the identity of Superman and fights to protect the entire human race. Rated PG-13; 142 minutes run time. Ext. 338 *Registration not required.*

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Branch Library Happenings

Escape the Ordinary with a Movie
Thursday, June 25 6 p.m.
A meek US Army soldier takes part in an experimental military program that infuses him with super-human powers in this comic-book adventure. Rated PG-13; 124 minutes run time. Ext. 338 *Registration not required.*

Introduction to Alzheimer's Disease
Friday, June 26 10:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Join this free, informational, and interactive session that focuses on understanding progressive dementia. A light lunch is provided at 11:30am followed by advanced issues and strategies. Register toll free at 1-888-303-0180.

Tie-Dye T-Shirts
Friday, June 26 10:30 a.m.
Everyone from age 6 to teens to adults can make a tie-dye t-shirt. Bring a plain white, pre-washed, cotton t-shirt, a plastic bag, and maybe an adult to help. Ext. 360

Using Genealogical Forms
Friday, June 26 1 p.m.
Marlene Polster, Indiana state appointed Lake County Genealogist and President of the Northwest Indiana Genealogical Society, will discuss how to organize and record your family history notes and research. Ext. 336

Movie Time
Saturday, June 27 1 p.m.
Popcorn and beverages will be served during this drama inspired by the true story of four Mexican-American high school students who enter the national Underwater Robotics Competition. Rated PG-13, 83 minutes run time. Ext. 338 *Registration not required.*

Munster Branch

8701 Calumet Ave., Munster, IN 46321
836-8450
www.lcplin.org/branches/mu.htm

Pinterest 101
Tuesday, June 2 2 p.m.
Learn how to create an account, create boards and pin items using Pinterest.

The Vikings
Tuesday, June 2 6:30 p.m.
In conjunction with the Nordikfolk Lodge #761, view *The Vikings*, a great courses dvd lecture series, covering a multitude of topics relating to the Vikings and Scandinavia.

Navigating the Net
Wednesday, June 3 2 p.m.
Participants will learn how to search for information on the Internet.

First Person Singular – Book Discussion
Wednesday, June 3 7 p.m.
Valerie Pennanen, Assistant Professor of History, Calumet College of St. Joseph, facilitates a discussion of autobiographical accounts and memoirs from around the world.

Classic Film
Monday, June 8 2 p.m.
Steve Martin delivers a winning performance as George Banks, the befuddled father of the bride. Rated PG, run time 105 minutes.

Independent Film
Tuesday, June 9 2 p.m. & 6:30 p.m.
Pomme and Pierre's constant bickering has turned their relationship into a comedy of manners that becomes farcical when Pomme decides to leave Pierre and live in the forest. In French with English subtitles. Not rated; adults only; 102 minutes run time. [cc]

Teen Superhero Trivia
Wednesday, June 10 2 p.m.
Teens will play a superhero themed trivia game and win prizes. *Registration not required.*

Gardening Class
Wednesday, June 10 6:30 p.m.
This class, Veggies & Herb Gardening: Bringing it to the Table, presented by Master Gardener Joy McCullough, covers what to do with bumper crops, how to dry herbs, freeze veggies, and more.

Explore Ireland
Thursday, June 18 2 p.m. & 7 p.m.
Ireland, the Emerald Island, is the home of Celtic monuments, medieval forts and monasteries, legends, music, poetry, and dance.

Teen Anime Club
Thursday, June 18 3 p.m.
Join the Teen Anime Club and watch episodes of a popular new series. Snacks provided. *Registration not required.*

Independence Day Celebration
Tuesday, June 23 3 p.m.
Teens will make a 4th of July craft and play a quick trivia game about Independence Day.

Blood Pressure Screening
Thursday, June 25 10 a.m. - Noon
Medical professionals provide free blood pressure screenings. *Registration not required.*

Thursday Afternoon Book Discussion
Thursday, June 25 1:30 p.m.
When her health begins to fail, England's most popular author decides to let a biographer write the truth about her life. Will the facts support Vida Winter's history of outlandish tales. Read *The Thirteenth Tale* by Diane Setterfield.

Great Books Discussion
Thursday, June 25 7 p.m.
Readers are invited to a discourse of *First Principles of Morals* by Immanuel Kant, a selection from the fifth series of Great Books.

St. John Branch
9450 Wicker Avenue, St. John, IN 46373
365-5379
www.lcplin.org/branches/sj.htm

Stamp Camp
Monday, June 1 **6:30 p.m.**
Express your creativity with rubber stamps and decorative paper. There is a $5 fee to cover the cost of materials provided due at the time of class.

Teen Volunteer Training
Monday, June 1 **6:30 p.m.**
or Tuesday, June 2 **4:30 p.m.**
Teens (6th to 12th grade) accompanied by a parent will learn about the volunteer opportunities at the St. John Branch Library.

Travel Film Series
Tuesday, June 2 **2 p.m.**
Explore Hawaii's Sunset Beach, the Sugar Cane Train of Kaanapali, the Hawaiian Volcanoes National Park, and more. Refreshments served.

Sit & Stitch
Wed., June 3 & 17 **6:30 p.m.**
Bring your crochet, knitting, or sewing project and gather with others who have a 'common thread.'

Gardening Class
Monday, June 8 **7 p.m.**
This 'Shade Gardening' presentation by Master Gardener Darryl Dorton is co-sponsored by the St. John Garden Club.

Super Hero Crafts
Tuesday, June 9 **2 p.m.**
Teens (6th to 12th grade) will create a variety of crafts about superheroes and play a trivia game.

Page Turners Book Club
Wednesday, June 10 **6:30 p.m.**
Readers will discuss *Ordinary Grace* by William Krueger, a look back at the summer of 1961 when death in five different instances shakes the community in the Minnesota River valley.

3-D Comics
Thursday, June 18 **6 p.m.**
Teens (6th to 12th grade) will create a 3-D comic strip and make pictures where our hands pop off the paper right before our eyes!

Superhero Shirts
Tuesday, June 23 **2 p.m.**
Teens (6th to 12th grade) will make a superhero emblem shirt using bleach. Please bring a colored shirt (not white) and wear old clothing.

Classic Film Series
Thursday, June 25 **2 p.m.**
Enjoy this summer themed flick, and a snack, about a young girl who discovers surfing and love. The film features Sandra Dee and Cliff Robertson; run time 95 minutes.

Teen Super Hero Movie
Monday, June 29 **2 p.m.**
Teens (6th to 12th grade) will see the movie that ties together Iron Man, Captain America, The Hulk, and Thor for a big screen team up like no other featuring Robert Downey, Jr. and Chris Hemsworth. Snacks served; rated PG-13; run time 145 minutes.

Ask a Librarian

Q: Do you have materials and resources regarding Grant writing?

A: Yes, we have many books on the subject of grant and proposal writing. We also have a database called GrantStation which can be accessed from our website www.lcplin.org within any of our locations. Hover over the Learn tab, then click on Learn Online. On the left side of screen click on See All Databases, the databases are listed in alphabetical order. This database offers online webinars (for a fee) on different topics relating to grant writing and fund raising. You can search for U.S. Grants as well as International and Canadian Grants. It also offers help with how to write grants and letters of inquiry.

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Thanks to Our Volunteers!

The Friends of Lake County Public Library hosted an Appreciation Luncheon for all those who volunteered at any of the nine locations of the library system. In all there were more than 140 volunteers in 2014 donating nearly 4,600 hours of time.

At the luncheon on April 29, each of those attending were recognized specifically for their efforts. Some of those assignments included those that teach English as a Second Language, staff the funds-raising books sale room, participate in the 'Adopt-a-Shelf' project, take over stamping on due date cards, sort books and dvds that are placed in the overnight drop boxes, and any other special project that helps staff efficiently operate the various facilities. The members of the Board of Trustees responsible for oversight of the library's activities, members of the Foundation who oversee investment of donations, and members of the Friends of the Library who raise funds for program expenses, all as volunteers, were represented, also.

Lake County Public Library is fortunate to have so many dedicated individuals willing to volunteer their time and talents...and it is very much appreciated.

The Library's Mission: The purpose of the Lake County Public Library is to provide the highest quality informational, educational, cultural, and recreational resources and services to residents of all ages in the Lake County Public Library district.

June Children's Classes

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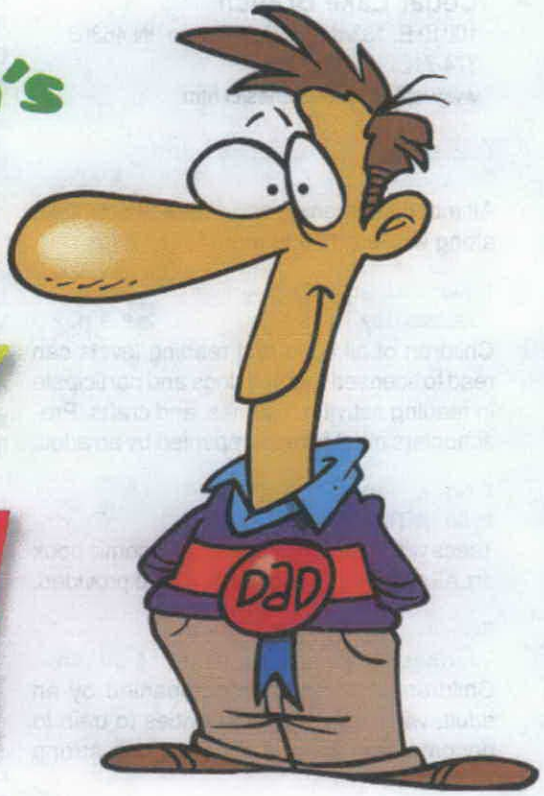

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY

MOTHER GOOSE ON THE LOOSE!

Storytimes

Birth-23 mo. and a caregiver

This 30 minute lapsit program uses songs, rhymes, and finger plays to encourage interaction and foster language development and motor skills.

Cedar Lake Branch:
1st & 3rd Friday 10:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m.

Dyer-Schererville Branch:
2nd, 3rd, 4th,& 5th Monday 10:30 a.m.
or 2nd, 3rd, 4th,& 5th Tues. 10:30 a.m.

Griffith-Calumet Twp. Branch
2nd & 4th Wednesday 10:30 a.m.

Highland Branch:
1st, 3rd & 5th Tuesday 6:30 p.m.
1st & 3rd Wednesday 10:30 a.m.

Hobart Branch:
3rd Wednesday 10:30 a.m.

Merrillville Branch:
2nd & 4th Monday 10 a.m.

St. John Branch:
2nd & 4th Thursday 10:15 a.m.

2-3 Year Olds

This 45 minute program is filled with stories, songs, and finger plays, and a craft.

(Caregivers must be present during program.)

Cedar Lake Branch:
2nd & 4th Thursday 10:30 a.m.

Dyer-Schererville Branch:
2nd, 3rd & 4th Wed. 10:15 a.m., 11:15 a.m.

Griffith-Calumet Twp. Branch
1st & 3rd Wednesday 10:30 a.m.

Highland Branch:
2nd & 4th Monday 10:30 a.m.

Hobart Branch:
3rd & 5th Monday 10:30 a.m.

Merrillville Branch:
2nd, 3rd, 4th,& 5th Tues. 10:00 a.m.

Munster Branch:
2nd, 3rd, 4th,& 5th Monday 10:30 or 2 p.m.

St. John Branch:
1st & 3rd Tues. 10:15 a.m., 11:15 a.m.

4-5 Year Olds

This hour program is filled with stories, songs, finger plays, and a craft.

Cedar Lake Branch:
1st & 3rd Tuesday 10:30 a.m., 1 p.m.

Dyer-Schererville Branch:
2nd, 3rd, 4th,& 5th Monday 1:30 a.m.
or 2nd, 3rd, 4th,& 5th Tues. 1:30 a.m.

Griffith-Calumet Twp. Branch
1st & 3rd Tuesday 1 p.m.

Highland Branch:
2nd & 4th Wednesday 10:30 a.m.

Hobart Branch:
4th Monday 10:30 a.m.

Merrillville Branch:
2nd, 3rd, 4th,& 5th Tues. 11:15 a.m.

Munster Branch:
2nd, 3rd, 4th,& 5th Monday 10:30 or 2 p.m.

St. John Branch:
2nd & 4th Tuesday 10:30 a.m.
2nd & 4th Friday 10:30 a.m.

Cedar Lake Branch

10010 E. 133rd Ave.,Cedar Lake, IN 46303
374-7121
www.lcplin.org/branches/cl.htm

Learning & More @The Library
Mon.-Sat., June 1-30 — All Day
All month long enjoy early literacy activities, along with crafts and more for all ages.

Paws – itively Reading Fun
Wednesday, June 3 — 5 p.m.
Children of all ages and reading levels can read to licensed therapy dogs and participate in reading activities, games, and crafts. Preschoolers must be accompanied by an adult.

Comic Mania
Mon, & Tues., June 8 & 9 — 4 p.m.
Teens will create online, 3-D, and comic book art.All supplies, and snacks, will be provided.

Star Wars: Jedi Hero Academy
Wednesday, June 10 — 6:30 p.m.
Children of all ages, accompanied by an adult, will participate in activities to train to become Jedi knights. Is the force strong with you?

Magic & Reading with Ronald McDonald!
Wednesday June 17 — 2 p.m.
Children, accompanied by an adult, will listen to and interact with Ronald McDonald as he shares the job and magic of reading.

Mystery Dinner Theater for Teens
Thursday, June 18 — 4 p.m.
Mystery! Murder! Mayhem! Teens will solve the crime for prizes, play games, and enjoy a pizza dinner in this theater experience.

Bea the Bee Story Hour
Saturday, June 20 — 10 a.m.
Lake County Fair mascot, Bea the Bee, and Lakeshore Public Radio personality and Times columnist, Tom Lounges, will read to children. There will be bookmarks, stickers, and more, along with a Family 4-Pack of gate and parking passes for this year's Lake County Fair. Refreshments provided. Bring your camera for photos.

Animal Heroes
Wednesday, June 24 — 2 p.m.
Children in kindergarten through 5th grade will learn all about the animal heroes all around them every day through stories and activities.

Super Heroes Everywhere!
Monday, June 29 — 6:30 p.m.
Everyone can be a hero. Teens will enjoy super stories and fun about heroes – human, animal, and make-believe. Make your own super hero, too!

Play Party
Tuesday, June 30 — 10:30 a.m. & 1 p.m.
Children of all ages will hear a story, sing, dance, and play with library toys and blocks.

Dyer-Schererville Branch

1001 W. Lincoln Hwy., Schererville, IN 46375
322-4731
www.lcplin.org/branches/ds.htm

Dynamite DUPLOs
Wednesday, June 3 — 10:30 a.m.
This 30 minute program for 2-5 year old children, accompanied by a caregiver, includes simple patterning and building activities with library DUPLO blocks.

LEGO Club
Thursday, June 4 — 10:30 a.m.
Children in kindergarten to grade 6 will use their creativity to build unique projects with library LEGO bricks.

Summer Reading Fun Fair
Thursday, June 11 — 1 to 3 p.m.
The Fun Fair Open House is the official summer reading kick-off for children of all ages. There will be games, refreshments, stories, and more. *Registration is not required.*

Cosplay/Superhero Photo Booth
Tuesday, June 16 — 2 p.m.
Teens (11 to 18) will get superhero-glamorous by chalking hair and dressing up (our costumes or yours). There are props, settings and a photo booth. A parent must sign photo permission slip.

Anime Afternoon for Teens
Wednesday, June 17 — 2 p.m.
Teens (11 to 18) will watch favorite anime shows with popcorn and soda. *Registration is not required.*

Friendship Adventure with Ronald McDonald
Thursday, June 18 — 2 p.m.
Ronald McDonald will entertain and delight children of all ages with his fun filled program. Be sure to bring your camera! *Registration is not required.*

Build-A-Superhero
Tuesday, June 23 — 2 p.m.
Teens (11 to 18) will have the opportunity to construct a Frankenstein-like superhero from parts of old plastic figurines.

Heroes Wear Blue
Thursday, June 25 — 2 p.m.
Officers from the Motorcycle Division of the Merrillville Police Department will show off their bikes and answer questions. *Registration is not required.*

Superhero Science for Teens
Tuesday, June 30 — 2 p.m.
We're looking for a few good teen (11 to 18) superheroes who can safely drop eggs, design a working Batman car, and create enough slime to safely lower other superheroes.

Griffith-Calumet Twshp. Branch

1215 E. 45th Ave., Griffith, IN 46319
838-2825
www.lcplin.org/branches/gr.htm

T A B Meeting
Thursday, June 4 — 3:45 p.m.
Teens (grade 6 to 12) can participate in T A B (Teen Advisory Board) as they meet to plan future teen programs and earn volunteer hours.

Bam! Pow! Read!
Summer Reading Open House
Tuesday, June 9 — 4-6 p.m.
Start Summer Reading with a bang! For children of all ages there will be stories, games and ice cream for everyone!

Griffith Heroes
Thursday, June 11 — 1 p.m.
The Police and the Fire Departments from the City of Griffith will talk with kids about what they do to keep our city safe.

Griffith Players
Friday, June 12 & 26 — 10:30 a.m.
Kids who have completed 1st grade and up can participate in the production of a play. They must commit to five morning practices and to the Wednesday, June 29th evening performance.

Bea the Bee Story Hour
Saturday, June 13 — 10 a.m.- Noon
Lake County Fair mascot, Bea the Bee, and Lakeshore Public Radio personality and Times columnist, Tom Lounges, will read to children. There will be bookmarks, stickers, and more, along with a Family 4-Pack of gate and parking passes for this year's Lake County Fair. Refreshments provided. Bring your camera for photos.

LEGO Mania
Monday, June 15 — 3 p.m.
& Wednesday, June 17 — 1 p.m.
Children in kindergarten through 5th grade will build with the library's LEGO blocks.

Teen Summer Reading Kickoff
Monday, June 15 — 3 p.m.
Teens can get started on summer reading, pick a team to join (DC or Marvel) and accumulate points. The team with the most points by July 30th will be deemed the victors!

Registration required for all programs by phone or online except where noted.

Dad & Me Story Time
Tuesday, June 16 **6 p.m.**
Dads, grandfathers, uncles, and family members are all invited for a special family story time with books, music, and a craft.

Dear Hero
Thursday, June 18 **1 p.m.**
School age children (kindergarten to 5th grade) will meet a United States Military Veteran and make cards to send to the men and women serving in our Armed Forces.

Batmobiles and Rube Goldberg Courses
Thursday, June 18 **3:45-6 p.m.**
Teens bring your batmobile and test its speed on the Rube Goldberg course you will build. Want more time to spend on your course? The room will remain open until 8pm for you to test your track.

Comic Creations
Monday, June 22 **1 p.m.**
Kids in kindergarten through 5th grade will learn about the art of comic books and create a comic character of their own.

Hero Upgrade
Tuesday, June 23 **3 p.m.**
Kids in kindergarten through 5th grade will hear stories and make their own superhero gear.

Sticker Mania
Wednesday, June 24 **1 p.m.**
Kids in kindergarten through 5th grade will have a blast using stickers to make things.

Heroes at the Dunes
Thursday, June 25 **1 p.m.**
Park Rangers from the Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore will tell kids of all ages about their work saving the environment from invasive species.

Teen Celebrity Name Game
Thursday, June 25 **3 p.m.**
Teens will test their superhero knowledge by playing Celebrity Name Game as points are awarded for the DC vs Marvel team challenge.

Graphic Novel Book Club
Thursday, June 25 **5:30 p.m.**
Teen fans of graphic novels are welcome to discuss *Captain America* by Rick Remender.

Lunch Box Matinee
Monday, June 29 **Noon**
Bring your blanket and sack lunch to watch a family friendly movie. Cookies and lemonade will be provided.

Home Schoolers Learn to Use Databases
Tuesday, June 30 **6 p.m.**
Home schooled youngsters will learn how to explore the world, literature, science, languages, signing, history and more from the library databases. We'll also introduce Zooinverse, a database to discover and identify animals. Family/friends may share a computer.

Highland Branch

2841 Jewett St., Highland, IN 46322
838-2394
www.lcplin.org/branches/hi.htm

Teen Book Discussion
Wednesday, June 3 **2 p.m.**
A comic-reading cynic is astonished after she rescues a squirrel that demonstrates powers of strength and flight after being revived in *Flora and Ulysseses* by Kate DiCamillo. *Registration not required.*

Tiny Tot Play Date
Tuesday, June 9 **10:30 a.m.**
Simple play stations will be set up for toddlers, 3 years of age and younger, accompanied by a caregiver, so they can explore together. *Registration not required.*

Teen Anime Club
Tuesday, June 9 **6 p.m.**
Teens will watch an episode of a popular new series while munching on snacks. *Registration not required.*

Preschool Talent Show
Wednesday, June 10 **11:30 a.m.**
Can you jump really high, count to 20, do 10 jumping jacks, sing your ABCs standing on one foot? Show off your talent at the preschool Talent Show. Everyone has an opportunity to share a special talent in this show held immediately after the preschool story hour.

Summer Reading Open House
Thursday, June 11 **1-3 p.m.**
The fun really takes off at the annual Summer Reading Open House as kids of all ages enjoy games, refreshments, face painting, and stories. *Registration not required.*

Brown Bag Movie
Fridays, June 12, 19 & 26 **12:30 p.m.**
Children, accompanied by an adult, are invited to watch a favorite Disney superhero film. Bring your lunch (no red drinks, please), we will provide the popcorn. All films are rated PG, run time 100 to 115 minutes. Call the library for the movie title. *Registration not required.*

LEGO Club
Monday, June 15 & 29 **3:30 p.m.**
School age children (kindergarten to grade 6) will free build or build the 'challenge' project with library LEGO blocks. Parents of children through grade 2 should plan to assist their child. We happily accept donations of LEGO building blocks to add to our collection.

Teen Advisory Board
Wednesday, June 17 **2 p.m.**
Snacks will be served and plans made for upcoming projects. Bring your ideas and be prepared for a fun time. *Registration not required.*

Capes & Masks
Thursday, June 18 **2 p.m.**
Children who have completed kindergarten and older should bring a large t-shirt (adult size L or XL) with a plain back to cut into a cape. Children will decorate the cape and a mask to become the hero of choice.

Family Story Hour: Superheroes!
Tuesday, June 23 **6:30 p.m.**
Families with children 3 to 6 years of age will enjoy stories, fingerplays, music, and a craft. Special photo opportunity today!

Preschool Superhero Training
Wednesday, June 24 **11:30 a.m.**
Immediately following story hour, preschool children, ages 4-6, will 'train' to become superheroes! Special photo opportunity today.

Trading Card Mash Up!
Wednesday, June 24 **2 p.m.**
Teens (11 to 18) are invited to bring their deck of Pokémon, Magic, or any other trading card to match wits against other trading card gamers. *Registration not required.*

Hero Training for School Age Children
Thursday, June 25 **2 p.m.**
Children who have completed kindergarten and older will show their strength, power and agility as they train to be a hero! They can even wear the capes and masks they made the week before!

Be a Gaming Hero
Monday, June 29 **6 p.m.**
In addition to live action *PAC-MAN*, teens (6th grade and up) will have a video game system and 'old school' board games to play. *Registration not required.*

Hobart Branch

100 N. Main St., Hobart, IN 46342
942-2243
www.lcplin.org/branches/ho.htm

Youth Volunteer Meeting
Tuesday, June 2 **6 p.m.**
or Thursday, June 4 **4 p.m.**
All applicants who would like to volunteer this summer must have completed 5th grade, complete a volunteer form signed by a parent or legal guardian, and attend one of the Youth Volunteer Meetings.

Super Hero Swords
Tuesday, June 9 **2 p.m.**
School age children, kindergarten to grade 6, will make a super hero sword craft and hear a story.

Friday Family Movies
Fridays, June 12, 19 & 26 **2 p.m.**
Children of all ages and their family are invited to a viewing of films all about super heroes that are rated PG-13 with a run time of approximately 120 minutes. Call the library for film title.

Super Hero Mask & Cuffs
Tuesday, June 16 **2 p.m.**
School age children, kindergarten to grade 6, will make a super hero mask and cuff craft and hear a story.

Super Hero Party
Tuesday, June 23 **2 p.m.**
School age children, kindergarten to grade 6, can bring their super hero mask, cuffs, and sword to a super hero party.

Greyt Readers
Wednesday, June 24 **6 p.m.**
Children of all ages can read to the dogs! Greyhounds, provided by American Greyhound (http://www.americangreyhound.org) will listen attentively! *Registration is not required.*

'Tweens & Teens
Thursday, June 25 **2 p.m.**
'Tweens and teens (10 years of age and up) will make tie-dye t-shirts. Bring a light colored, laundered (no fabric softener), cotton t-shirt to complete this project.

Movie Fun
Tuesday, June 30 **2 p.m.**
School age children (kindergarten to grade 6) will watch the Disney film that follows the heroic journey of Merida, a skilled archer and the headstrong daughter of King Fergus and Queen Elinor. Rated PG, 93 minutes run time.

Lake Station-New Chicago Branch

2007 Central Avenue, Lake Station, IN 46405
962-2409
www.lcplin.org/branches/lsnc.htm

Summer Reading Volunteer Meeting
Wednesday, June 3 **6 p.m.**
'Tweens and teens, ages 10 and up, who are interested in volunteering for the summer must attend.

Family Story Time
Tuesday, June 9 & 23 **1:30 p.m.**
Families will enjoy a story time that will include stories, songs, finger plays and a simple craft.

Summer Reading Open House
Wednesday, June 10 **2-4 p.m.**
Everyone can sign up for summer reading and participate in a variety of activities. There will be a face painter, balloonist, cartoonis, games, crafts, and refreshments. *Registration is not required.*

Duct Tape Journals
Thursday, June 11 **2 p.m.**
'Tweens, ages 9 to 13, will make duct tape journals; all supplies provided. Refreshments will be served.

Family Nutrition
Friday, June 12 **11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.**
Purdue Cooperative Extension Service Nutrition Adviser will discuss a variety of food and nutrition topics to children and adults, showing participants how to prepare quick, tasty, and healthy low-cost foods.

Super Hero Matinee
Saturday, June 13 **1:30 p.m.**
As a foster child, Annie has had a hard knock life with a mean foster mom, until a New York mayoral candidate makes a campaign move and takes her in. Stars Jamie Fox, Cameron Diaz and Quvenzhane Wallis; rated PG; 118 minutes run time.

Amazing Fantasy Comic Book Store
Tuesday, June 16 **2 p.m.**
Everyone is invited to hear Mark Hagan of the Amazing Fantasy Comic Book Store speak about comic books. Refreshments served. *Registration is not required.*

Super Hero Capes & Masks
Wednesday, June 17 **2 p.m.**
Children in kindergarten through grade 5 will make super hero capes and masks. Please bring an adult sized t-shirt, all other supplies provided. Refreshments served.

Super Hero Matinee

Saturday, June 20 **1:30 p.m.**
Christopher Reeves stars as an alien orphan who grows up to become a super hero. Film rated PG, run time 151 minutes. *Registration is not required.*

Lake Station Fire Truck
Wednesday, June 24 **2 p.m.**
All ages are invited to a program with Lake Station Fire Chief Chuck Fazekas and the Lake Station fire trucks.

LEGO Night
Wednesday, June 24 **6 p.m.**
Children of all ages can create their own unique LEGO designs with library LEGO bricks. Refreshments served.

Galaxy Print T-shirts
Thursday, June 25 **2 p.m.**
'Tweens, ages 9 to 13, will use the new bleach painting trend using a dark t-shirt for a galaxy look. Bring a dark colored or black t-shirt. Refreshments served.

Super Hero Matinee
Saturday, June 27 **1:30 p.m.**
The wizards at Disney-Pixar take us under the sea to the world of a clownfish and his son. Rated G with a run time of 100 minutes. *Registration is not required.*

Teen Gaming
Monday, June 29 **2 p.m.**
Teens are invited to play video games on the *Wii* and/or board games. Snacks provided. *Registration is not required.*

Merrillville Branch

1919 W. 81st Ave., Merrillville, IN 46410
769-3541
www.lcplin.org/branches/cnl.htm

Craft Table for Children
June 1 to 30 **All Day**
Children of all ages are welcome to make a craft at the craft table in the Children's Department during library open hours.

'Tween & Teen Volunteer Meeting
Wednesday, June 3 **4 p.m.**
or Thursday, June 4 **6 p.m.**
'Tweens and teens ages 11 (must be 11 by August 2014) through 17 who are interested in volunteering during the library's Summer Reading Program must attend a Volunteer Meeting in order to sign up. A parent or legal guardian must be present to sign a permission slip at the meeting.

Registration required for all programs by phone or online except where noted.

Bea the Bee Story Hour
Saturday, June 6 **10 a.m.**
Lake County Fair mascot, Bea the Bee, and Lakeshore Public Radio personality and Times columnist, Tom Lounges, will read to children. There will be bookmarks, stickers, and more, along with a Family 4-Pack of gate and parking passes for this year's Lake County Fair. Refreshments provided. Bring your camera for photos.

Family Story Time
Monday, June 8, 15, 22 & 29 **6 p.m.**
Families will enjoy a story time that includes stories, songs, and finger play with themes of summer, storybook heroes, ninjas, and American heroes. Pajamas welcome!

LEGO Club
Tuesdays, June 9 to 30 **4 p.m.**
Children in kindergarten to grade 5 will have fun making their own unique LEGO creations. The only requirement is imagination.

Family Movie
Wednesday, June 10, 17 & 24 **Noon**
Children of all ages will enjoy taking a break to view recently released superhero films on the library's cinematic screen. Snacks are welcome (clear drinks only, please); children under 7 must be accompanied by an adult; movie run times range from 90 to 120 minutes; call the library for titles.

Gaming with Heroes
Wednesday, June 10 & 24 **6 p.m.**
Children who have completed kindergarten to grade 6 are invited to play *Wii, PlayStation* 2 and/or board games with a local community hero. Snacks will be served.

Comic Con Summer Reading Kick-Off
Saturday, June 13 **10 a.m. - 4pm**
Get your geek on with this family-friendly convention for fans of comics, anime, and pop culture presented in cooperation with the NWI Comic Con. There will be artists, dealers, a cosplay contest, table-top gaming, family fun challenges, graphic novels and more. *Registration is not required.*

Board Games with Heroes
Wednesday, June 17 **6 p.m.**
Children who have completed kindergarten to grade 6 will meet to play fun board games with a local community hero. Family members are welcome to join in!

Superhero Training Academy
Thursday, June 18 **10:30 a.m.**
Children who have already completed kindergarten through grade 5 will test their skills, develop their powers, and design their own costume in this superhero-in-training event. Advanced sign-up a minimum of 2 days prior is required by visiting the Youth Services desk or by calling ext. 360.

Comics Club
Thursdays, June 18 – July 30 **3 p.m.**
Children who have completed 3rd through 6th grade are invited to join local artist Natalie Parker as she leads a seven session series of Comics Clubs exploring different types of comics, drawing and writing, and even publishing a small zine. Advanced sign-up a minimum of 2 days prior is required by visiting the Youth Services desk or by calling ext. 360.

Merrillville Fire Department Visit
Friday, June 19 **10:30 a.m.**
Children of all ages will celebrate and learn from our community heroes – firefighters! Learn about fire safety, see a real fire truck, and tour the E.D.I.T.H. House.

Read to Sooty the Dog
Tuesdays, June 23 & 30 **3:15 p.m.**
Children of all reading levels can read to Sooty the Labrador, a registered Pet Partners therapy dog, right before LEGO club.

Spies vs Ninjas
Thursday, June 25 **10:30 a.m.**
What's your stealth mode: Spy or Ninja? Children who have completed kindergarten through grade 5 will explore both through activities, games, and crafts, then team up to compete. Advanced sign-up a minimum of 2 days prior is required by visiting the Youth Services desk or by calling ext. 360.

Tie-Dye T-Shirts
Friday, June 26 **10:30 a.m.**
Everyone from age 6 and older can make a tie-dye t-shirt. Bring a plain white, prewashed, cotton t-shirt, a plastic bag, and maybe an adult to help.

If your school is not one of those partnered with Lake County Public Library, tell your administration you're interested! Partnering with the library means that you get a Digital Access Card so you can use library resources right away from any location without ever setting foot in one of our buildings.

Munster Branch

8701 Calumet Ave., Munster, IN 46321
836-8450
www.lcplin.org/branches/mu.htm

Summer Reading Volunteer Meeting
Thursday, June 4 **6 p.m.**
or Saturday, June 6 **Noon**
Students currently in 4th grade or who are 10 and older, may sign up to volunteer for the summer. A parent must sign the volunteer application. If unavailable for the meeting dates, call Ms. Bosma during library hours or email her at bbosma@lcplin.org. *Registration not required.*

Summer Reading Sign-Up Party
Saturday, June 6 **2-4 p.m.**
Avoid the rush and register for summer reading early. Fill out your summer reading card and go through super hero training camp; costumes are welcome and even encouraged. Bring your camera for photos with our superhero props.

School Age Explorers – Every Hero Has a Story
Wed., June 10, 17, 24 **10:30 a.m. & 2 p.m.**
Children who have completed kindergarten, and older, will learn how they can be a hero through books, games, and crafts.

Munster K9 Unit Visit
Thursday, June 11 **2 p.m.**
Munster Police Department Officer Hernandez will talk about service animals and demonstrate his job with Django, his K9 partner. Attendance limited to 75; doors open at 1:45pm.

Summer Movie Break
Fridays, June 12, 19 & 26 **1:30 p.m.**
Families can take a break from the heat and enjoy a super hero film on the library's cinematic screen. All movies range from 90 to 115 minutes run time. Feel free to bring snacks with you. Call the library for film titles. *Registration not required.*

Superhero Thursday
Thursdays, June 18, 25 & July 2 **1-3 p.m.**
Children of all ages will make a superhero disguise in this three-week class. Bring a white or light colored t-shirt two times larger in size than normal. Each week we will take a different part of the shirt to make part of your costume resulting in a mask, cape, cuffs, and other accessories.

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Power Paws for Reading – Our Story
Thursday, June 25 6 p.m.
Power Paws for Kids is a unique program where children of any reading level are matched with a dog and volunteer to practice reading. The dogs also provide other forms of service to the disabled and participants will hear their story.

St. John Branch

9450 Wicker Avenue, St. John, IN 46373
365-5379
www.lcplin.org/branches/sj.htm

Teen Volunteer Training
Monday, June 1 6:30 p.m.
or Tuesday, June 2 4:30 p.m.
Teens (6th to 12th grade) accompanied by a parent will learn about the volunteer opportunities at the St. John Branch Library. Please bring your library card.

Dynamic DUPLO Blocks!
Thurs., June 4 & Mon., June 22 10:30 a.m.
Children, 2 to 4 years of age accompanied by a caregiver, will have fun building with our DUPLO blocks.

LEGO Free-Build
Thursday, June 4 1:30 p.m.
Young LEGO enthusiasts, kindergarten to grade 5, are invited to use their imagination as they build with the library's LEGO blocks.

Kids Craft Table Kits
Saturdays, June 6, 13, 20 & 27 All Day
Children of all ages can pick up a kit at the service desk to make a craft during library open hours.

Superhero Academy Open House
Monday, June 8 2-4 p.m.
Children of all ages are invited to try out their superhero skills as we kick-off our summer reading season. Super treats for all!

Teen Superhero Crafts
Tuesday, June 9 2 p.m.
Teens (6th to 12th grade) will create a variety of superhero themed crafts and play a trivia game.

Chalk it up Open House
Wednesday, June 17 10:30 a.m. - Noon
Children of all ages will make chalk artwork. Wear a hat and bring a towel to sit upon.

Heroes Can Cook
Thursday, June 18 10:30 a.m.
Young chefs, kindergarten to grade 5, will cook and eat fun food.

Teen 3-D Comics
Thursday, June 18 6 p.m.
Teens (6th to 12th grade) will create a comic strip that is 3-D and make pictures where their hands pop off the paper right before their very eyes!

Teen Superhero Shirts
Tuesday, June 23 2 p.m.
Teens (6th to 12th grade) will make a superhero emblem shirt using bleach. Please bring a colored shirt (not white) and wear old clothing.

Family Picnic Movie Night
Wednesday, June 24 6:30 p.m.
Bring a blanket and sack dinner as all members of the family can enjoy a movie on the library's cinematic screen. Cookies and lemonade will be provided.

Sticker Mania
Mon., June 29 10:30 a.m. Or 1:30 p.m.
Children in kindergarten to grade 5 will make sticker scenes with bright and beautiful stickers.

Teen Super Hero Movie
Monday, June 29 2 p.m.
Teens (6th to 12th grade) will view the movie that ties together such characters as Iron Man, Captain America, The Hulk, and Thor for a big screen match up like no other. Snacks served. Film rated PG-13, 145 minutes run time.

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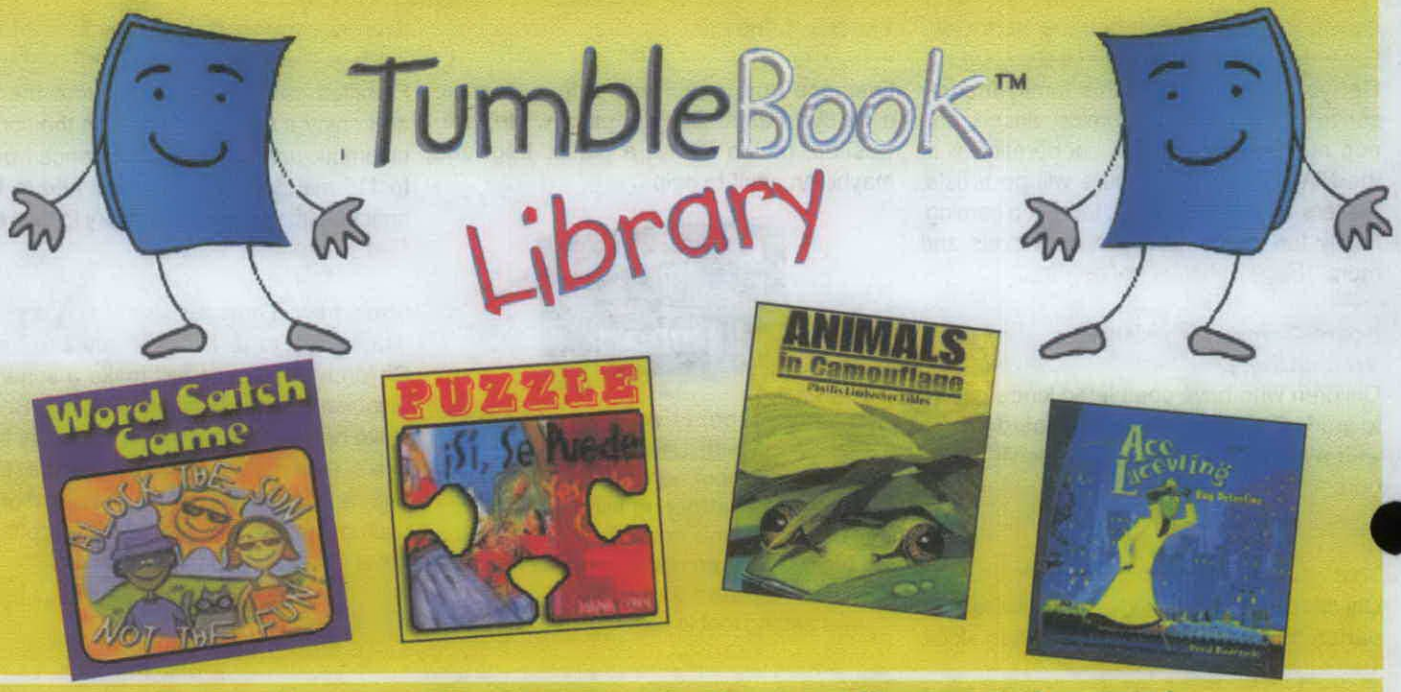

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LAKE COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

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Library Happenings

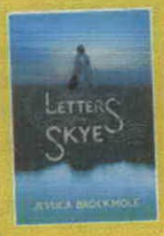
JULY 2015

Online!

July 1st to 31st

BOOKreMARKS Online Discussion

This is a month-long online book discussion through email of *Letters from Skye* written by Indiana author Jessica Brockmole. A sweeping story told in letters, spanning two continents and two world wars, Jessica Brockmole's atmospheric debut novel captures the indelible ways that people fall in love, and celebrates the power of the written word to stir the heart. March 1912: Twenty-four-year-old Elspeth Dunn, a published poet, has never seen the world beyond her home on Scotland's remote Isle of Skye. So she is astonished when her first fan letter arrives, from a college student, David Graham, in far-away America. As the two strike up a correspondence--sharing their favorite books, wildest hopes, and deepest secrets--their exchanges blossom into friendship, and eventually into love. But as World War I engulfs Europe and David volunteers as an ambulance driver on the Western front, Elspeth can only wait for him on Skye, hoping he'll survive. June 1940: At the start of World War II, Elspeth's daughter, Margaret, has fallen for a pilot in the Royal Air Force. Her mother warns her against seeking love in wartime, an admonition Margaret doesn't understand. Then, after a bomb rocks Elspeth's house, and letters that were hidden in a wall come raining down, Elspeth disappears. Only a single letter remains as a clue to Elspeth's whereabouts. As Margaret sets out to discover where her mother has gone, she must also face the truth of what happened to her family long ago.



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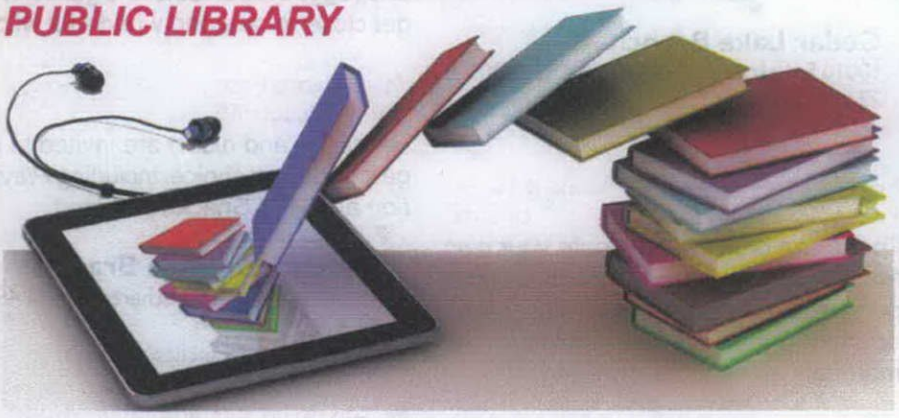

Are you participating in Lake County Public Library's Summer Reading Program? With all the wonderful "reads" out there, we certainly hope so!

If you're feeling more adventuresome, perhaps it's time to use your library card to explore all that's available in LCPL's vast digital collection. Hundreds of current bestsellers, books by popular authors, and "classic" titles are available in one or more electronic versions . . . that is, as eBooks or as downloadable audiobooks. With a **resident** Lake County Public Library card at your disposal, the possibilities are staggering. Why not download several titles on your digital device before leaving for your vacation, whether you're going on a 2-week road trip or settling into a chaise lounge in your backyard? Librarians are glad to help you get started.

If your summer reading is taking you down a more serious road, Lake County Public Library is the perfect place for you! LCPL issued digital access cards to virtually every student and teacher in school systems located in our designated geographic area during the school year. These cards allow access to our numerous databases, as well as to our collection of eBooks, downloadable audiobooks, and digital magazines, and will remain active for the **entire** summer.

Perhaps you're hoping to get a leg up on an AP (Advanced Placement) course for the next school year, to brush up on your math skills, or to study something you've been putting off until you had the time. This could be the time to learn how to prune those shrubs in your yard, to research various stocks for potential investments, to search your family's history, to learn how to speak a little French for your upcoming trip to Paris, or to update your resume. Lake County Public Library's databases can help with these projects, and more. Simply go to our website (www.lcplin.org) and click "Learn" on the home page to begin your search. If you encounter any difficulties along the way, a reference librarian is a quick call or email away (try our "Ask a Librarian" service).

What new books, authors, or subjects will you discover at the Lake County Public Library this summer? Don't wait a moment longer.

Now is the time to "check us out!"

Linda Dunn, Manager
Munster Branch Library

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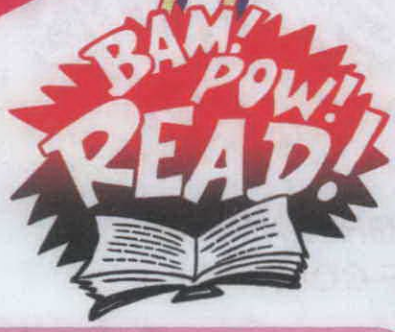

Cedar Lake Branch

10010 E. 133rd Ave., Cedar Lake, IN 46303
374-7121
www.lcplin.org/branches/cl.htm

Freak-Out Friday: Evil Villains & More
Friday, July 10 — 10 a.m.
Teens can drop in and create your own Minion or other super creature from polymer clay & other materials. And/or make a mash-up villain or hero. All materials and snacks provided.

Masquerade: Unmask!
Monday, July 13 — 4 p.m.
Tuesday, July 14 — 4 p.m.
Teens can create a hero or villain mask using a variety of materials. All supplies and snacks provided.

Documentary Tuesday
Tuesday, July 14 — 2 p.m.
View the world via the library's big screen. Travel to the arctic and learn how two very different majestic species live, thrive, and then struggle to survive amid a changing frozen landscape.

Books & Chat
Wednesday, July 15 — 6:30 p.m.
Readers will discuss *After Visiting Friends* by Michael Hainey.

Photo Booth
Monday, July 27 — All Week
Teens can use props for a group and/or individual super pic! Available all week long!

Travel the World Without Leaving Home: Alaska
Tuesday, July 28 — 2 p.m.
Enjoy arm chair travel via the library's big screen. Roam the dramatic and beautiful Alaskan wilderness, climb the remote and rugged mountains and glaciers, and get close to rare and wonderful wildlife.

Teen Game Fest
Thursday, July 30 — 3 p.m.
Teens (11 and older) are invited to play games of your choice, including *PlayStation* and *Wii*. Snacks provided.

Dyer-Schererville Branch

1001 W. Lincoln Hwy., Schererville, IN 46375
322-4731
www.lcplin.org/branches/ds.htm

Personalized Reading Suggestions
Wednesday, July 1 — All Month
Whether you are looking for a good book to read, interested in discovering new genres, or in need of suggestions for your book club, call to schedule an appointment this month with a reader's advisor and start building your 'to read' list.

Unmask an Extra-Ordinary Story
Wednesday, July 1 — All Day
Visit the display of disguised books and select an out-of-the-ordinary story. Read the book and return a short review to be entered into a special prize drawing for teens before August 1st.

Independent Film
Monday, July 6 — 1 p.m.
Pomme and Pierre have been together a long time. Passion and spontaneity have given way to predictability and cold shoulders. But there's lingering optimism, a hope they can return to the couple they used to be, attending chic art openings and sharing a laugh like young lovers. French with English subtitles. 102 min.

Blood Pressure Screenings
Tues., July 7 — 10:30 am. - 11:30 a.m.
Free blood pressure screenings offered by medical representatives. *Registration not required.*

Minion Workshop for Teens!
Wednesday, July 8 — 2 p.m
Teens (11 to 18) will create a Minion army, assemble Minions to knock down a tower, learn how to speak Minionese, and play Minion party games!

Heroes of September 11th
Wednesday, July 8 — 7 p.m.
Schererville resident Don Bacsos will speak briefly about his escape from the towers on September 11th and on the heroes he witnessed going into action that day. A question and answer session will follow.

Ask Me! Employment Resources
Monday, July 13 — 11 a.m.
Librarians are prepared to help you at these one-on-one walk-in sessions. Get help with researching for jobs, organizing a resume, proofreading a resume, signing up for free email accounts, introducing online job searching and uploading your resume, and your specific job questions.

Haper Lee Event
Monday, July 13 — 6 p.m.
Purdue University Calumet instructor Veronica McClain will talk about Haper Lee's life, her struggle in writing *To Kill a Mockingbird*, the book's impact on American literature, and the journey to Harper Lee's new release, *Go Set a Watchman*.

Captain America's Water Balloon Fight!
Tuesday, July 14 — 3 p.m.
Teens (ages 11- 18) are invited to learn how to block water balloons by using Captain America's shield! You will get wet in this event, so a towel and swimsuit attire is encouraged! *Registration required.*

Stamp Class
Tuesday, July 14 — 6:30 p.m.
Spend an hour expressing your creativity while working on projects created with rubber stamps. There is a $5 fee to cover the cost of materials provided due at the time of the class. Please bring a glue stick.

Registration required for all programs by phone or online except where noted.

Virtual Tourist- Iceland
Wednesday, July 15 7 p.m.
This month we journey to the chilly, mysterious world of Iceland, colonized by Vikings and destroyed by volcanoes, up to its current status as one of the best places to live in the world.

Hulk Smash! Bridge Competition
Tuesday, July 21 2 p.m.
Teens (11-18) are invited to create a bridge that is architecturally sound, and withstands the most weight before it goes smash!

Be Your Own Superhero
Learn Self Defense!
Thursday, July 23 1 p.m.
Did you ever want to learn how to defend yourself? Be your own superhero as Senseis Brett and Kim Homann and their students demonstrate their karate skills and teach a few self-defense moves. All ages are invited! *Registration not required.*

Griffith-Calumet Twshp. Branch
1215 E. 45th Ave., Griffith, IN 46319
838-2825
www.lcplin.org/branches/gr.htm

Thursday Threaders
Thurs., July 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 10:30 a.m.
Like to cross-stitch, knit, crochet, or do any other craft? Every Thursday, bring and work on your own project while enjoying the company of others.

TAB Meeting
Thursday, July 2 3:45 p.m.
Earn volunteer hours and help with our Summer Reading Program. We will also celebrate our local heroes by writing thank you cards to our local police and fire departments.

Scrabble Night
Thursday, July 2 6 p.m.
Folks of all ages are invited to a fun evening of Scrabble. Increase your vocabulary while having a great time!

Create Your Own Comic
Monday, July 6 3 p.m.
Use our computer lab and/or comic templates to create your own comic or graphic novel. Limited seating available;

Paper Creations
Tuesday, July 7 1 p.m.
Design personalized cards and other paper creations. Learn, practice, and enjoy creating with paper, rubber stamps, and ink. The $5 fee covers materials due at the time of class. Bring adhesive and scissors.

StoryLovers Book Group
Tuesday, July 7 5:30 p.m.
Wednesday, July 8 10:30 a.m.
Read and discuss *The Museum of Extraordinary Things* by Alice Hoffman. *Registration not required.*

POWtastic Art!

Thursday, July 9 3 p.m.
Teens: Create your own POWtastic piece of art. Supplies provided.

Mid Summer Movie Night
Thursday, July 9 6 p.m.
This musical involves a baker and his wife, their wish to begin a family and their interaction with the witch who has put a spell on them. Johnny Depp, Meryl Steep. PG, 124 min. *Registration not required.*

Saturday Scrappers
Saturday, July 11 11 a.m.
Join this scrapbook gathering to chat with other like minded scrapbooking friends while working on your own projects.

Mystery Loves Co. Discussion
Monday, July 13 1 p.m.
Join us as we discuss *The Innocent* by David Baldacci.

Computer Class:
Basic Mouse and Computer
Monday, July 13 6:30 p.m.
Learn how to use a mouse and the basics of navigating a computer.

Movie Wednesday
Wednesday, July 15 2 p.m.
Angelina Jolie directs this true-life tale of an Olympic track star who survived a plane crash in World War II, only to fight for his life against nature and eventually as a prisoner of war. PG-13, 137 min.

Ironman-Robotics
Thursday, July 16 3 p.m.
Teens (grades 6-12) are invited to be like Ironman and create their own art robot!

A Summer Evening of Live Music
Thursday, July 16 6:30 p.m.
Join us on the patio for an evening of live music featuring local folk and rock musicians: Scott Larson and Bill Wichert.

Gardening:
Beneficial Bugs and Wonderful Weeds
Monday, July 20 7 p.m.
Not every creepy crawly in your garden is a pest. Master Gardener Dian Fruth will discuss beneficial bugs and those wonderful weeds that you might find in your garden plot.

Blood Pressure Screenings
Tuesday, July 21 10:30 a.m.- 12:30 p.m.
Free blood pressure screenings offered by a medical representative.

Time to Travel Film
Wednesday, July 22 2 p.m.
Join us for a look at Cuba... the pearl of the Caribbean Sea. 60 min. *Registration not required.*

Challenge Quest
Thursday, July 23 2:30 p.m.
Teens: Last chance to earn extra points for your Superhero team! Take part in various tasks to test your powers: lasso work, target accuracy, jumping distance, blindfold challenges, and touch/smell tests!

Graphic Novel Book Club
Thursday, July 23 5:30 p.m.
Teen fans of graphic novels are welcome to join us as we play Superhero Jeopardy!

Ask Me! Employment Resources
Monday, July 27 11 a.m.
Librarians are prepared to help you at these one-on-one walk-in sessions. We can help research jobs, organize a resume, proofread your resume, sign up for free email accounts, introduce online job searching, upload your resume, and your specific job questions.

Book Buddies
Monday, July 27 4 p.m.
Read and discuss *The Rosie Project* by Graeme Simsion. Copies available at the branch.

Moon Called Book Discussion
Monday, July 27 6:30 p.m.
The book discussion for readers who love urban fantasy, horror fantasy, paranormal fiction and paranormal romance. Join us for *Sandman Slim* by Richard Kadrey.

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Branch Library Happenings

DC vs Marvel Victory Party
Thursday, July 30 — 3 p.m.
The challenges were accepted and now the victors will be announced! Teens please join us and enjoy superhero goodies while hanging out with your friends and teammates to cap off Summer Reading!

Highland Branch

2841 Jewett St., Highland, IN 46322
838-2394
www.lcplin.org/branches/hi.htm

Teen Book Discussion
Wednesday, July 1 — 2 p.m.
This month's selection is: *Cardboard* by Doug TenNapel. *Registration not required.*

History on Film
Monday, July 6 — 2 p.m. & 6:30 p.m.
Please join us for a film about Food Network star Rachael Ray. *Registration not required.*

Teen Anime Club
Tuesday, July 7 — 6 p.m.
Are you a fan of Anime or Manga? Come to the Highland Branch Anime Club! We will watch an episode or two and enjoy some snacks. *Registration is not required.*

Highland Crime Watch Meeting
Wednesday, July 8 — 6:30 p.m.
This bi-monthly meeting of the Highland Community Crime Watch is presented by Corporal Shawn Anderson and Officer Brandon Norris. *Registration is not required.*

Doctor Who Day!
Thursday, July 9 — 2 p.m.
Teens (11-18) are celebrating all things Doctor Who today with games, crafts, and more. Come and travel in the TARDIS with us. *Registration not required.*

Break it to Make it: Action Figure Laboratory
Monday, July 13 — 6 p.m.
Teens will get to create totally new heroes and villains out of broken action figures and toys in this hour-long program. *Registration not required.*

Fiction Book Discussion
Tuesday, July 14 — 2 p.m.
Join us for a discussion of this month's book Stiff: *The Curious Lives of Human Cadavers* by Mary Roach. *Registration not required.*

Teen Advisory Board
Wednesday, July 15 — 2 p.m.
Snacks will be served and plans will be made for upcoming projects. Bring your ideas and be prepared for a fun time. *Registration not required.*

Inspirational Book Discussion
Thursday, July 16 — 2 p.m.
Jon us for a discussion on *Love Comes Home* by Ann H. Gabhart. Books will be available at the Highland Branch. *Registration not required.*

Gardening Program
Thursday, July 16 — 6:30 p.m.
Master Gardner Darryl Dorton will present a program on a search and destroy mission for the 'world of weeds.'

Travel Film
Monday, July 20 — 2 p.m. & 6:30 p.m.
Transylvania boasts various extremely beautiful landscapes. Its mountaintops are crowned by castle ruins and in the giant wooden lands, caves can be found. 60 min. *Registration not required.*

Comic Creation Laboratory
Monday, July 20 — 6 p.m.
Teens are invited to make their own superhero comics in this hour-long class. *Registration not required.*

Lake Area United Way: Bank On!
Tuesday, July 21 — 3 p.m.
The Lake Area United Way will present a class called Bank On: Learning About Being Fiancially Stable.

Once Upon a Crime
Thursday, July 23 — 7 p.m.
Join us for a discussion on *Bones Never Lie* by Kathy Reichs. Copies of the book will be available for checkout at Highland. *Registration not required.*

Classic/Feature Film
Monday, July 27 — 2 p.m. & 6 p.m.
Spencer Tracy stars with child-star Mickey Rooney in this Oscar nominated moving story of a priest (Father Flanagan) who develops a school for juvenile delinquents. *Registration not required.* 96 min.

Trading Card Mashup!
Wednesday, July 29 — 2 p.m.
Calling all teen fans of Pokemon and Magic or any other trading card game: bring your deck to the library and match your wits against other trading card gamers. To play, you must bring your own cards. *Registration not required.*

Teen Library Lock-In
Friday, July 31 — 7 p.m. - 11:30 p.m.
Teens (11-18) will be in for a night of games, anime, and much more! In person registration is required and limited, so see your librarian for details and to pick up a copy of the permission slip. Please note: Teens will not be allowed to exit and re-enter the Library. Once they check in at the front door at 7pm, they MUST remain in the library until the conclusion of the program. There is one pick-up time ONLY: 11:30 pm. Please make sure their ride is aware of the time the event ends and arrives promptly to pick them up.

Registration required for all programs by phone or online except where noted.

Hobart Branch

100 N. Main St., Hobart, IN 46342
942-2243
www.lcplin.org/branches/ho.htm

Computer Class: Meet the Mouse
Tuesday, July 7 **10:30 a.m.**
Saturday, July 18 **10 a.m.**
Learn the basics of using the computer. Practice using the mouse, filling in different types of forms, and using the keyboard.

Computer Class: Navigating the Net
Tuesday, July 7 **11:30 a.m.**
Learn what the internet browser is, how it works, and the best ways to navigate the internet.

Stitch and Chat
Wednesdays, July 8 & 22 **6:30 p.m.**
Do you enjoy crocheting, knitting, needlework and or any other kind of crafting? Bring it to the library and create while enjoying the company of other crafters! If you want to learn, come along and we'll get you started.

Teen Movie
Thursday, July 9 **2 p.m.**
Tony Stark is the complete playboy who also happens to be an engineering genius. While in Afghanistan, Tony is captured and is forced to create an armored suit and a means to prevent his death from the shrapnel left in his chest. Registration begins June 25.

Teen Advisory Board Meeting
Tuesday, July 14 **3:45 p.m.**
Teens and 'tweens, ages 12 and up, are invited to join Hobart's Teen Advisory Board. Teens will plan future programs, talk about books they have read, and earn volunteer hours. Snacks served.

Computer Class: Ready to Travel
Wednesday, July 15 **2 p.m.**
Discover travel resources available on in the internet, as well as databases that can help you get ready to travel! Space is limited.

Teen Movie
Thursday, July 16 **2 p.m.**
Exiled to Earth after his arrogance fans the flames of an ancient conflict, The Mighty Thor of Asgard discovers the meaning of humility. Registration begins July 2.

Computer Class: Basic Windows
Saturday, July 18 **11 a.m.**
Learn what an internet browser is, how it works, and the best ways to navigate the internet.

Contemporary Book Club
Tuesday, July 21 **10:30 a.m.**
Join us for a discussion of *Ghostman* by Roger Hobbs.

Found on Pinterest!
Tuesday, July 21 **2 p.m.**
Drop in and make a project found on Pinterest! See if we can nail it! All supplies provided.

Computer Class: Facebook Q and A Session
Wednesday, July 22 **10:30 a.m.**
Not sure how to upload a profile picture? Concerned about privacy on Facebook? Ask all your questions!

'Tweens and Teens
Thursday, July 23 **2 p.m.**
'Tweens and teens who have participated in the Summer Reading Program are invited to share in an ice cream sundae bar. Bring a favorite topping to share. Ice cream provided. Registration begins July 9.

Star Wars Day!
Saturday, July 25 **1 p.m.**
Meet members of the 501st Legion, Northern Darkness Garrison. Participate in trivia contests, stories, and photo opportunities (don't forget your camera) with the Imperial Star Wars Costuming Organization.

Lake Station-New Chicago

2007 Central Avenue, Lake Station, IN 46405
962-2409
www.lcplin.org/branches/lsnc.htm

Book Chat
Thursday, July 2 **10:30 a.m.**
Join us as we discuss *The Face of Earth* Deborah Raney.

Teen Anime Matinee
Monday, July 6 **2 p.m.**
Lucy, an aspiring Celestial Wizard, becomes a friend and ally to powerful wizards Natsu, Grey, and Erza who are part of the famous wizard guild, Fairy Tail. Refreshments served. *No registration required.*

Nutrition Classes in Spanish
Tuesdays, July 7, 14, 21, 28 **Noon**
Presented by the Purdue University Cooperative Extension, these classes (conducted in Spanish) will cover topics such as nutrition, food budgeting, as well as healthy living ideas. The Family Nutrition Advisor will be Mitzi Egnatz (219) 730-3984.

Coffee, Donuts and a Movie
Wednesday, July 8 **10:30 a.m.**
A couple of high school grads spend one final night cruising the strip with their buddies before they go off to college. Starring Harrison Ford, Ron Howard, and Richard Dreyfus. Refreshments served. *Registration not required.*

Family Nutrition Program
Friday, July 10 **11:30 a.m.**
Belinda Stepnowski, Family Nutrition Advisor from Purdue Cooperative Extension Service will discuss a variety of food and nutrition topics to adults and children.

Teen Gaming
Monday, July 13 **2 p.m.**
Teens are invited to play video games on the *Wii* and *PlayStation*, as well as board games. Snacks provided. *Registration not required.*

Robots
Monday, July 20 **2 p.m.**
Teens will make a robot. Refreshments served.

Ask Me! Employment Resources
Monday, July 20 **4 p.m.**
Librarians are prepared to help you at these one-on-one walk-in sessions. We can help research jobs, organize a resume, proofread your resume, sign up for free email accounts, introduce online job searching, upload your resume, and your specific job questions.

Elemental Hero Card Game
Monday, July 27 **2 p.m.**
Teens will enjoy playing Elemental Hero Card games. Refreshments served.

Branch Library Happenings

Merrillville Branch

1919 W. 81st Ave., Merrillville, IN 46410
769-3541
www.lcplin.org/branches/cnl.htm

Ask Me! Employment Resources @ your Library
Monday, July 6 — 9 a.m. Or 2 p.m.
Librarians are prepared to help you at these one-on-one walk-in sessions. We can help research jobs, organize a resume, proofread your resume, sign up for free email accounts, introduce online job searching, upload your resume, and your specific job questions.

Circle of Readers Book Discussion
Thursday, July 9 — 6:15 p.m.
Readers will discuss *A man Called Ove* by Fredrik Backman.

How Humor Can Make You Healthy, Wealthy, and Wise
Tuesday, July 14 — 6 p.m.
Escape the ordinary with humor! This is an interactive event about finding and using humor in our lives led by Dot Nuechterlein. The reason laughter is good for coping with stress is partly because it gets us out of ourselves and frees up our minds for at least a few moments at a time. Refreshments served. Registration preferred.

A New Approach to Parenting Workshop
Tuesday, July 14 — 6 p.m.
This workshop, taught by representatives of Strategies for Care, is designed to encourage parents to step back from the punitive style of parenting. Learn how to inspire your child's sense of wonderment and curiosity, create a spirit of motivation, and to excite your children to learn, love, and develop respect.

Ask Me! I Work Here!
Monday, July 20 — 2 – 4 p.m.
Library staff will be available at Merrillville Branch's cafe vending area to answer your questions about library materials that should work on your computer or portable device. Bring your toys, connect to LCPL wireless, and let's figure out the answer to your question!

Teen Anime Club
Tuesday, July 21 — 6 p.m.
Teens (13-18) are invited for an anime movie night. In 1860's, a boy inventor finds himself caught in the middle of a deadly conflict over a revolutionary advance in steam power. PG-13, 126 min. Snacks provided. *Registration not required.*

Glass Mug Painting
Wednesday, July 22 — 11 a.m.
Teens: bring a white or clear glass mug to design and paint based on similar Pinterest crafts. Oil based Sharpie markers will be provided.

Introduction to Alzheimer's Disease
Friday, July 24 — 10:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Join this free, informational, and interactive session that focuses on understanding progressive dementia. A light lunch is provided at 11:30am followed by advanced issues and strategies. Register toll fee at 1-888-303-0180.

Where Are Those Lake County Records?
Friday, July 24 — 1 p.m.
Presented by Marlene Polster, Indiana state appointed Lake County Genealogist and President of the Northwest Indiana Genealogical Society. This workshop will help you find birth, death, marriages, naturalization, and court records in Lake County. Some of this information can also be used if your people did not live in Lake County.

Managing Your Stress: Escape the Daily Grind
Tuesday, July 28 — 6 p.m.
Dr. Lissa Yogan will discuss the social nature of stress and how you can use your social networks to help manage the many daily stressors we all experience.

Star Wars Final Party: All Ages
Saturday, August 1 — 10:30 a.m.
From a galaxy far, far away come the Star Wars troopers of the 501st Legion, here to help all ages celebrate the end of Summer Reading with fun games and activities! Pit yourself against the Force of the Dark Side with live action Tic Tac Toe!

Munster Branch

8701 Calumet Ave., Munster, IN 46321
836-8450
www.lcplin.org/branches/mu.htm

Gardening Class
Wednesday, July 8 — 6:30 p.m.
This class presented by Master Gardener, Victoria Jostes, extols the little-known virtues of honey and the amazing ways of honeybees, as well as touches on the current plight of bees. Gardeners and non-gardeners alike will find this presentation of great interest.

Crafty Teens
Thursday, July 9 — 2 p.m.
Enjoy a craft, games, and snacks just for teens.

Classic Film
Monday, July 13 — 2 p.m.
The raw emotions and crackling dialogue of Tennessee Williams' 1955 Pulitzer Prize play *Cat on a Hot Tin Roof* rumble like a thunderstorm in this film version, whose fiery performances and grown-up themes made it one of 1958's top box-office hits. Not rated; 108 min.

Independent Film
Tuesday, July 14 — 2 p.m. Or 6:30 p.m.
When a hardworking family man, Jorge, is mugged by Kalule, a neighborhood delinquent, Jorge's son decides to confront Kalule. His son then gets shot and after Kalule serves two years in prison for the offense he is now intent on revenge and goes on a warpath, terrorizing Jorge's family. In Spanish with English subtitles. Not rated; adults only; 82 min.

Teen Anime Club
Wednesday, July 15 — 3 p.m.
Enjoy Anime or Manga? Come join our Teen Anime Club. We will watch episodes of a popular new series. Snacks provided.

Registration required for all programs by phone or online except where noted.

Discover Alaska
Thursday, July 16 2 p.m. Or 7 p.m.
Discover the beauties of Alaska, from Denali National Park's Mr. McKinley to bear watching at Pack Creek Bear Preserve.

Super Teens
Tuesday, July 21 2 p.m.
Teens can create their own super hero mask and have fun with science.

Blood Pressure Screening
Thursday, July 23 10 a.m. - Noon
A medical representative will provide free blood pressure screenings. *No appointments or registration needed.*

Thursday Afternoon Book Discussion
Thursday, July 23 1:30 p.m.
Join us for a discussion on M. L. Steadman's novel *The Light Between Oceans.* Copies available at the circulation desk.

Blood Drive
Thursday, July 23 3:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.
Heartland Blood Centers will be in the parking lot with their mini-coach accepting walk-in blood donations.

Dancers of the World War II Era
Tuesday, July 28 1:30 p.m
Watch highlights of World War II and learn how music helped us win the war. This program focuses on the dazzling dancers of that time. Bring your dancing shoes as you watch sizzling performances by Fred Astaire, Gene Kelly, Eleanor Powell, Ginger Rogers, Donald O'Connor, Ann Miller and other 'hoofers.' This is the 1st program in a 4-part series presented by John Ban, Professor Emeritus, Indiana University Northwest.

Great Book Discussion
Thursday, July 30 7 p.m.
The 'Great Books Reading & Discussion Program' includes the best that has been thought and written in the Western tradition. These classics are specially chosen by the University of Chicago's Hutchins & Adler for their ability to stimulate meaningful discussion. Readers are invited to discourse of *A Simple Heart* by Gustave Flaubert, a selection of the fifth series of Great Books.

St. John Branch
9450 Wicker Avenue, St. John, IN 46373
365-5379
www.lcplin.org/branches/sj.htm

Sit & Stitch
Wednesdays, July 1 & 15 6:30 p.m.
Bring your crocheting, knitting, or sewing project and gather with others who have a common thread.

Teen Anime Club
Monday, July 6 4 p.m.
Enjoy anime or Manga? Come watch the first two episodes of a popular anime series. We will also do a craft and eat Japanese snacks.

Travel Film Series-Canada
Tuesday, July 7 2 p.m.
Journey with us as we explore Canada. We will travel to Monreal, Quebec, Nova Scotia, and New Foundland. Refreshments served.

Page Turners Book Club
Wednesday, July 8 6:30 p.m.
Join us as we discuss *The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry* by Rachel Fry.

Teen Program-Comic Book Crafts
Thursday, July 16 6 p.m.
Join us as we make crafts using a variety of comics. Snacks served.

Teen Advisory Board (T.A.B.)
Tuesday, July 21 2 p.m.
Come to the first meeting of our new T.A.B. group. We will meet, eat snacks, and discuss what programs to have in the fall.

Classic Film Series
Thursday, July 23 2 p.m.
Join us for a movie and a snack as we watch the film about Kitty, a hard-working white collar girl from Philadelphia who meets and falls in love with a young socialite whose family is against her. The film stars Ginger Rogers and Dennis Morgan. Running time: 108 min.

Teen Afternoon Movie
Monday, July 27 2 p.m.
Teens (6th-12th grade) are invited to watch an afternoon movie. A group of criminals are forced to team up to stop a villain from taking over the universe. The film is rated PG-13 and stars Chris Pratt and Zoe Saldana. Call the Library for the title.

Ask a Librarian

Q: How do I convert my document from .pdf format to .odt or other formats?

A: There is a website called www.zamzar.com which will format your document from one format to another for free. You enter your email address and it will send the converted files to your email!

TeenREADS online Book Discussion continued from page 1

Teens can participate in this month-long book discussion conducted through emails. Available online, anytime from anywhere! *House of Secrets* by Chris Columbus The Walker kids had it all: loving parents, a big house in San Francisco, all the latest video games . . . but everything changed when their father lost his job as a result of an inexplicable transgression. Now the family is moving into Kristoff House, a mysterious place built nearly a century earlier by Denver Kristoff, a troubled writer with a penchant for the occult. Suddenly the siblings find themselves launched on an epic journey into a mash-up world born of Kristoff's™s dangerous imagination, to retrieve a dark book of untold power, uncover the Walker family's™s secret history and save their parents . . . and maybe even the world.

To join, send an email to: teenreads@lcplin.org
or call 219-769-3541, ext. 335 for more information

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The Lake County Public Library Foundation Awards Readers

Each year the Lake County Public Library Foundation encourages schools in Calumet Township, Cedar Lake, Dyer, Griffith, Highland, Hobart, Lake Station, Merrillville, Munster, New Chicago, Schererville, and St. John to promote literacy through reading.

In this six-week event, the children seek sponsors and read as many books as they are able. Trophies and award ribbons are then distributed to every participant, as well as gift cards for the top eight earners in each library branch's district. In addition, all participating schools receive one-third of the total raised for their libraries.

The Foundation recognized the top readers in it's **31st Annual Read-a-Thon** at a special awards breakfast for the children, accompanied by their parents, and school principals and librarians at the Avalon Manor in Merrillville.

This year's top students are:

Jema Hudacin/Jane Ball Elementary, **Giovanni Nicolai**/Forest Ridge Academy, **Joey LaPatra**/Beiriger Elementary, **James Aguila**/Longfellow Elementary, **Lillian Alexander**/Warren Elementary, **Joey Quinones**/Joan Martin Elementary, **Hunter Sharp**/Bailey Elementary, **Delaney Williams**/Evans Elementary, **Augustus Wisch**, Meister Elementary, **Zofia Barick**, Salk Elementary, and **Brooklyn Kuna**, Eads Elementary.

The Library's Mission: The purpose of the Lake County Public Library is to provide the highest quality informational, educational, cultural, and recreational resources and services to residents of all ages in the Lake County Public Library district.

July

Children's Classes

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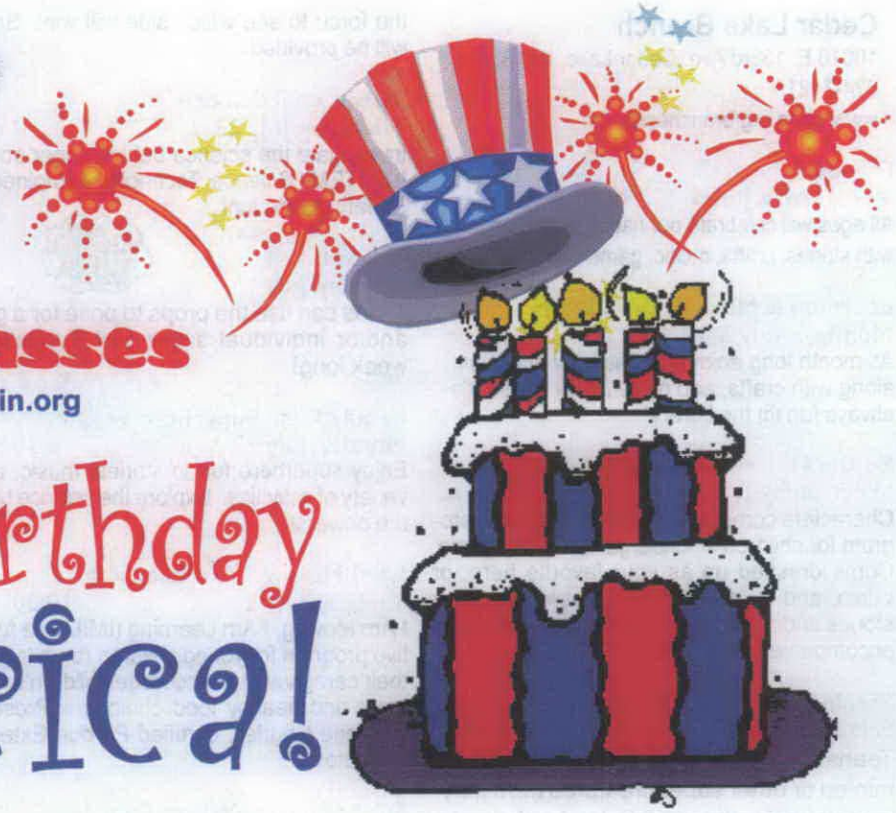

Happy Birthday America!

MOTHER GOOSE ON THE LOOSE!

Birth-23 mo.
and a caregiver

This 30 minute lapsit program uses songs, rhymes, and finger plays to encourage interaction and foster language development and motor skills.

Cedar Lake Branch:
1st & 3rd Friday 10:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m.

Dyer-Schererville Branch:
Every Monday 10:30 a.m.
or Every Tuesday 10:30 a.m.

Griffith-Calumet Twp. Branch
2nd & 4th Wednesday 10:30 a.m.

Highland Branch:
2nd & 4th Tuesday 6:30 p.m.
1st, 3rd & 5th Wednesday 10:30 a.m.

Hobart Branch:
1st, 3rd & 5th Wednesday 10:30 a.m.

Merrillville Branch:
1st & 3rd Monday 10 a.m.

Munster Branch:
1st Friday 10:30 a.m.

St. John Branch:
2nd & 4th Thursday 10:15 a.m.

Storytimes

2-3 Year Olds

This 45 minute program is filled with stories, songs, and finger plays, and a craft.
(Caregivers must be present during program.)

Cedar Lake Branch:
2nd & 4th Thursday 10:30 a.m.

Dyer-Schererville Branch:
Every Wednesday 10:15 a.m., 11:15 a.m.

Griffith-Calumet Twp. Branch
1st & 3rd Wednesday 10:30 a.m.

Highland Branch:
1st & 3rd Monday 10:30 a.m.

Hobart Branch:
2nd & 4th Monday 10:30 a.m.

Merrillville Branch:
Every Tuesday 10:00 a.m.

Munster Branch:
Every Monday 10:30 or 2 p.m.

St. John Branch:
1st & 3rd Tues. 10:15 a.m., 11:15 a.m.

4-5 Year Olds

This hour program is filled with stories, songs, finger plays, and a craft.

Cedar Lake Branch:
1st & 3rd Tuesday 10:30 a.m., 1 p.m.

Dyer-Schererville Branch:
Every Monday 1:30 p.m.
or Every Tuesday 1:30 p.m.

Griffith-Calumet Twp. Branch
1st & 3rd Tuesday 1:00 p.m.

Highland Branch:
2nd & 4th Wednesday 10:30 a.m.

Hobart Branch:
1st & 3rd Monday 10:30 a.m.

Merrillville Branch:
Every Tuesday 11:15 a.m.

Munster Branch:
Every Tuesday 10:30 a.m., 2 p.m.

St. John Branch:
2nd & 4th Tuesday 10:30 a.m.
2nd & 4th Friday 10:30 a.m.

Cedar Lake Branch

10010 E. 133rd Ave.,Cedar Lake, IN 46303
374-7121
www.lcplin.org/branches/cl.htm

Freedom Fest!
Wednesday, July 1 **2 p.m.**
All ages will celebrate our nation's independence with stories, crafts, music, games, and more!

Learning & More @ the Library!
Mondays, July 6, 13, 20, 27 **10 a.m.**
All month long enjoy early literacy activities, along with crafts, and more for all ages. It's always fun @ the library!

Be the Hero/Be the Villain!
Wednesday, July 8 **2 p.m.**
Characters come to life in this school-age program for children in kindergarten to 6th grade. Come dressed up as your favorite hero, or villain, and do crafts, play games, and enjoy stories and a snack. Young children should be accompanied by an adult.

Freak-Out Friday: Evil Villains & More
Friday, July 10 **10 a.m.**
Teens can drop in and create your own minion or other super creatures from polymer clay and other materials. And/or make a mash-up villain or hero. All materials and snacks will be provided.

Masquerade: Unmask!
Monday, July 13 **4 p.m.**
Tuesday, July 14 **4 p.m.**
Teen will create a hero or villain mask using a variety of materials. All supplies and snacks will be provided.

Block Party
Tuesday, July 14 **10:30 a.m.**
Enjoy free play with blocks of all sizes. Have fun interacting with your children while learning how you can help them develop a variety of skills through block play. Five stations are set up, each with a different set of blocks that aids the children in learning a specific skill. Parents and caregivers are provided with parenting tips and information on how they can help their child or children develop each skill to the best of their ability. The Purdue Extension Agency is offering this free program for families and their children, ages 8 months to 8 years.

'Paws'-itively Reading Fun
Wednesday, July 15 **2 p.m.**
Read to licensed therapy dogs and participate in reading activities, games, and crafts. All ages are welcome; preschoolers must be accompanied by an adult.

Heroes vs. Villains: Game Day!
Wednesday, July 22 **2 p.m.**
Children in kindergarten to 6th grade will test their skills during the super themed game day! Games and events will be provided though children can feel free to bring their favorites from home. Dress up as a hero or a villain and test the force to see which side will win! Snacks will be provided.

Sensational Science
Thursday, July 23 **4 p.m.**
Investigate the science behind super powers. It's STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, & Math) made fun!

Photo Booth
Monday, July 27
Teens can use the props to pose for a group and/or individual super pic! Available all week long!

Family Fun: Superhero Science
Monday, July 27 **6:30 p.m.**
Enjoy superhero fun in stories, music, and a variety of activities. Explore the science behind the powers!

I Am Moving, I Am Learning
Tuesday, July 28 **10:30 a.m.**
I Am Moving, I Am Learning (IMIL) is a fun active program for young children (birth to 5) and their caregivers to encourage children's movement and healthy food choices. Presented by Linda Churley, certified Purdue Extension Educator.

Super Soaking Water Fun!
Wednesday, July 29 **2 p.m.**
Children in kindergarten to 6th grade are invited to the library to share stories and snacks before going outside for water fun games and activities! Bring a towel and come in clothes you don't mind getting wet for this fun in the sun program!

Teen GameFest
Thursday, July 30 **3 p.m.**
Teens 11 and older are invited to pay games of your choice, including *PlayStation* and *Wii*. Snacks will be provided too!

Dyer-Schererville Branch

1001 W. Lincoln Hwy., Schererville, IN 46375
322-4731
www.lcplin.org/branches/ds.htm

Movie at the the Library
Thursday, July 2 **2 p.m.**
Join us for a movie in the large meeting room. Feel free to pack a snack. No red drinks please.

Minion Workshop for Teens!
Wednesday, July 8 **2 p.m.**
Teens (11 to 18) will create a Minion army, assemble Minions to knock down a tower, learn how to speak Minionese, and play Minion party games.

Calling all Superheroes!
Thursday, July 9 **2 p.m.**
Children (completed K & up) will make a superhero cape and wear it while performing superhero challenges. All registered must bring a large t-shirt to make a cape.

Captain America's Water Balloon Fight!
Teens (ages 11-18) are invited to learn how to block water balloons by using Captain America's shield! You will get wet in this event, so a towel and swimsuit attire is encouraged!

Dunes National Lakeshore
Thursday, July 16 **2 p.m.**
Park Ranger Kip is coming to visit! Park Rangers are heroes because they protect the environment and wildlife. Kip Walton, Park Ranger at the Dunes National Lakeshore, will present a program about protecting the Dunes and the animals who live there.

Hulk Smash! Bridge Competition
Tuesday, July 21 **2 p.m.**
Teens, ages 11 to 18, are invited to create a bridge that is architecturally sound, and withstands the most weight before it goes smash! Registration required.

Be Your Own Superhero-Learn Self Defense!
Thursday, July 23 **1 p.m.**
Did you ever want to learn how to defend yourself? Be your own superhero as Senseis Brett and Kim Homann and their students demonstrate their karate skills and teach a few self-defense moves. All ages are invited! *Registration not required.*

Firefighters are Heroes
Thursday, July 30 **2 p.m.**
All ages are welcome to beat the heat with a spray from the Schererville Fire Department! *Registration not required.*

Griffith-Calumet Twshp. Branch

1215 E. 45th Ave., Griffith, IN 46319
838-2825
www.lcplin.org/branches/gr.htm

TAB Meeting
Thursday, July 2 **3:45 p.m.**
Teens can earn volunteer hours and help with our Summer Reading Program, as we celebrate our local heroes by writing thank you cards to our local police and fire departments.

Create Your Own Comic
Monday, July 6 **3 p.m.**
Use our computer lab and/or comic templates to create your own comic or graphic novel. Registration is required and seating is limited.

The Doctor is In
Wednesday, July 8 **1:30 p.m.**
Dr. Tae' Ni Chang-Stroman will talk to kids about his work as a pediatrician. We will also hear a story and make a craft.

Olympian Heroes
Thursday, July 9 **1 p.m.**
Kids (grades K - 5th grade) will enjoy stories and games about the mythic gods and heroes of Olympus. Kids can dress like their favorite Greek god or hero.

Registration required for all programs by phone or online except where noted.

POWtastic Art!
Thursday, July 9 3 p.m.
Teens can creat a POWtastic piece of art. Supplies will be provided.

Griffith Players
Fridays, July 10 & 24 10:30 a.m.
Children who have completed 1st grade and up will participate in the production of a play. Kids must commit to five morning practices and the Wednesday, June 29th evening performance.

Storytime at the Market
Fridays, July 10 & 24 4 p.m.
Join us at the Griffith Central Market, located at Griffith Central Park, for stories, songs, and crafts. Children of all ages are welcome.

Secret Agent Night
Monday, July 13 4 p.m.
Children in kindergarten to 5th grade will hear stories and play games about secret agents and spies!

Lunch Box Matinee
Tuesday, July 14 1:30 p.m.
Kids of all ages are welcome to bring a blanket and sack lunch and watch a family friendly movie. Cookies and lemonade will be provided.

Eco-Heroes
Wednesday, July 15 1 p.m.
Kids in kindergarten to 5th grade will learn about ways to be heroes for the environment. We will also play games and make a craft.

Pop Art
Thursday, July 16 1 p.m.
Kids in kindergarten to 5th grade will learn about pop art and make their own pop art creations.

Ironman-Robotics
Thursday, July 16 3 p.m.
Be like Ironman and create your own art robot! Teens in grades 6-12 welcome!

LEGO Mania
Monday, July 20 3 p.m.
Wednesday, July 22 1 p.m.
Children in kindergarten to 5th grade will build with the library's LEGO blocks.

Power Paws!
Tuesday, July 21 6 p.m.
Children of all ages will enjoy reading to Power Paws service dogs.

Challenge Quest
Thursday, July 23 2:30 p.m.
Teens: Last chance to earn extra points for your superhero team! Take part in various tasks to test your powers: lasso, work, target accuracy, jumping distance, blindfold challenges, and touch/smell tests!

Graphic Novel Book Club
Thursday, July 23 5:30 p.m.
Teen fans of graphic novels are welcome to join us as we play Superhero Jeopardy!

Presenting the Griffith Players
Wednesday, July 29 6 p.m.
Children of all ages and their families are welcome to enjoy a play presented by our local library theater group.

DC vs Marvel Victory Party
Thursday, July 30 3 p.m.
The challenges were accepted and now the victors will be announced! Teens please join us and enjoy superhero goodies while hanging out with your friends and teammates to cap off Summer Reading!

Super Splash!
Friday, July 31 1 p.m.
Wrap up the Summer Reading Program with games and a cool treat.

Highland Branch

2841 Jewett St., Highland, IN 46322
838-2394
www.lcplin.org/branches/hi.htm

Teen Book Discussion
Wednesday, July 1 2 p.m.
This month's selection is: *Cardboard* by Doug TenNapel. When cardboard creatures come magically to life, a boy must save his town from disaster. *Registration is not required.*

Super Spies
Thursday, July 2 2 p.m.
Children who have completed kindergarten and older are invited to the library for a one-hour program. Shhhh! It's top secret. Your mission, should you choose to accept it, is to come to the library and join in secret agent-type activities, such as cracking a secret code and writing an invisible message. More will be revealed if you choose to attend.

Family Story Hour: Community Heroes
Tuesday, July 7 6:30 p.m.
Families with children, 3 to 6 years old, will enjoy stories, fingerplays, music and a craft.

Teen Anime Club
Tuesday, July 7 6 p.m.
Are you a fan of Anime or Manga? Come to the Highland Branch Anime Club! We will watch an episode or two and enjoy some snacks. *Registration is not required.*

Not All Superheroes Wear Capes
Thursday, July 9 2 p.m.
School age children (completed kindergarten and older) will meet someone from the Highland Police department, the Highland Fire department, and an EMT. Learn their duties, why they choose their careers, and how they trained for the very important job of keeping your safe. Afterward, they will show you their vehicles.

Teen-Doctor Who Day!
Thursday, July 9 2 p.m.
Teens are celebrating all things *Doctor Who* today with games, crafts, and more. Come and travel in the TARDIS with us. (age 11-18) *Registration not required.*

Brown Bag Movie
Fridays, July 10, 17, 24, 31 12:30 p.m.
Watch favorite children's films on our cinematic screen. Bring your lunch and a beverage, we will provide the popcorn and movie. No red drinks please! Children must be accompanied by an adult. For movie titles, please call the library or look on our online events calendar.

Break it to Make it: Action Figure Laboratory
Monday, July 13 6 p.m.
Teens will get to create totally new heroes and villains out of broken action figures and toys in this hour-long program. For teens 11-18. *Registration not required.*

Lego Club
Monday, July 13 and 27 3:30 p.m.
School age children (completed kindergarten to 6th grade) are invited to free build with the library's Lego bricks or build the 'challenge' project. Children may bring a construction from home to talk about during the show and tell part of the program. At the end of the program, current constructions are displayed in the library until the next meeting. Parents of children who just completed kindergarten though 2nd grade should plan to stay in the room with their child. We happily accept donations of Lego building blocks to add to our collections too!

Teen Advisory Board
Wednesday, July 15 2 p.m.
Snacks will be served and plans will be made for upcoming projects. Bring your ideas and be prepared for a fun time. *Registration is not required.*

Super Fancy Nancy
Thursday, July 16 2 p.m.
Children who have completed kindergarten and older are invited to the library for a 1 ½ hour program. Join us for a splendiferous Super Fancy Nancy good time! After listening to a Fancy Nancy story, enjoy fanciful activities and light refreshments. We will provide glamorous runway attire for dress-up. Parents may stay in the library until they are called in to help their child dress. Check-in begins at 1:45 p.m. Attendance is limited. Registration is a Must!

Comic Creation Laboratory
Monday, July 20 6 p.m.
Make your own superhero comics in this hour-long class. For teens 11-18. *Registration not required.*

Family Story Hour: Animal Heroes
Tuesday, July 21 6:30 p.m.
Families with children, 3 to 6 years old, will enjoy stories, fingerplays, music, and a craft.

Power Paws Animal Heroes
Thursday, July 23 2 p.m.
School age children and their parents are invited to learn about Power Paws for Kids, a non-profit organization which provides dogs to listen to children read. Then meet some of the dogs and have an opportunity to read to them! *Registration is not required.*

Trading Card Mashup!
Wednesday, July 29 **2 p.m.**
Calling all fans of *Pokemon* and Magic or any other trading card game: bring your deck to the Highland Library and match your wits against other Trading Card Gamers. To play, you must bring your own cards. For ages 11-18. *Registration not required.*

Stuffed Pet Superhero Sleepover
Wednesday, July 29 **2 p.m.**
Bring a small stuffed pet to a very special story time! Help turn your pet into a superhero, then leave them in the library overnight! Pick up your stuffed pet the next day, beginning at 3 p.m., and find out what super deeds they performed in the library overnight! Please, only bring a stuffed pet you can part with overnight! School age kids who attend the Environmental Heroes program on Thursday can plan to pick up their stuffed pet afterward.

Environmental Heroes
Thursday, July 30 **2 p.m.**
Children who have completed kindergarten and older are invited to the library for a one-hour program. Kip Walton, Park Ranger at Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore, returns with an interesting and informative program about environmental heroes at the Dunes. *Registration is not required.*

Stuffed Pet Pick-Up
Thursday, July 30 **3 p.m.**
Children may pick up the stuffed pets they left in the library after yesterday's Stuffed Pet Superhero Sleepover. Learn how they spend the evening and what daring deeds they performed overnight. School age children who attend the Environmental Heroes program should plan to pick-up their stuffed pets afterward.

Teen Library Lock-In
Friday, July 31 **7 p.m. - 11:30 p.m.**
That's right! Highland is having an after hours teen program! Teens ages 11-18 will be in for a night of games, anime, and much more on July 31st from 7 to 11:30 p.m. In person registration is required and limited, so see your librarian for details and to pick up a copy of the permission slip. Teens will not be allowed to exit and re-enter the Library. Once they check in at the front door at 7pm, they MUST remain in the library until the conclusion of the program. There is one pick-up time ONLY: 11:30 pm. Please make sure their ride is aware of the time the event ends and arrives promptly to pick them up.

Hobart Branch
100 N. Main St., Hobart, IN 46342
942-2243
www.lcplin.org/branches/ho.htm

LEGOS

Tuesday, July 7 **2 p.m.**
Children in kindergarten to 6th grade will use their imagination to create structures using LEGO bricks. Registration begins June 23.

Teen Movie
Thursdays, July 9 and 16 **2 p.m.**
Teens are invited to stop by the library to enjoy a movie. For movie titles, please call the library or check on our online events calendar. Registration begins June 25.

Friday Family Movie

Fridays July 10, 17, 24 **2 p.m.**
Families are invited to stop by the Library to enjoy a family movie. For movie titles, please call the library or check on our online events calendar. Registration begins June 26.

Bea the Bee

Saturday, July 11 **10 a.m.**
Lake County Fair mascot, Bea the Bee, and Lakeshore Public Radio personality and Times columnist, Tom Lounges, will read to children. There will be bookmarks, stickers, and more, along with a Family 4-Pack of gate and parking passes for this year's Lake County Fair. Refreshments provided. Bring your camera for photos.

Bubble Blowers
Tuesday, July 14 **2 p.m.**
Students in kindergarten to 6th grade will make bubble blowers and hear a story. Participants will need to bring a clean, dry 16.9 oz bottle to complete this project. Registration begins June 30.

Teen Advisory Board Meeting
Tuesday, July 14 **3:45 p.m.**
Teens and 'tweens, ages 12 and up, are invited to join Hobart's Teen Advisory Board. Teens will plan future programs, talk about books they have read, and earn volunteer hours. All teens are welcome and don't forget to bring a friend! Snacks will be served.

Greyt Readers
Wednesday, July 22 **6 p.m.**
Read to the dogs! The dogs will listen to the books you read to them. Greyhounds will be provided by the American Greyhound. www.americangreyhound.org

'Tweens and Teens
Thursday, July 23 **2 p.m.**
'Tweens and teens who have participated in the Summer Reading Programs are invited to share an ice cream sundae bar. Bring a favorite topping to share. Ice cream will be provided. Registration begins July 9.

Star Wars Day!

Saturday, July 25 **1 p.m.**
Meet members of the 501st Legion, Northern Darkness Garrison. Participate in trivia contests, stories and photo opportunities (don't forget you camera) with the Imperial Star Wars Costuming Organization. Since 1997, the costuming organization known as the 501st Legion has spread the magic of the Star Wars genre worldwide through its authentic-looking costumes, and has become the leading force in fan-based charity events.

Movie Fun
Tuesday, July 28 **2 p.m.**
Students in kindergarten to 6th grade will watch the Disney movie that revolved around former high-profile superhero Bob Parr, who has not-so-successfully settled into suburban life along with his wife and kids under the watchful eye of the Superhero Protection Program. Registration begins July 14.

Lake Station-New Chicago Branch
2007 Central Avenue, Lake Station, IN 46405
962-2409
www.lcplin.org/branches/lsnc.htm

Family Afternoon Movie
Wednesday, July 1 **2 p.m.**
A special bond develops between plus-sized inflatable robot Baymax, and prodigy Hiro Hamada, who team up with a group of friends to form a band of high-tech heroes. Refreshments will be served. *Registration not required.* PG, 102 min.

Teen Anime Matinee

Monday, July 6 **2 p.m.**
Lucy, an aspiriing Celestial Wizard, becomes a friend and ally to powerful wizards Natsu, Grety, and Erza, who are party of the (in)famous wizard guild, Fairy Tail. Refreshments served. *No registration required.*

Family Story Time
Tuesday, July 7 **1:30 p.m.**
Families can enjoy a story time that will include stories, songs, and finger plays.

The Space Challenger Learning Center
Wednesday, July 8 **2 p.m.**
Children in grades kindergarten and up are invited to hear and participate in Sue Petersen's dynamic science presentation for kids. The theme is astronauts.

Beach Rock Paperweights
Thursday, July 9 **2 p.m.**
'Tweens, ages 9 to 13, will make beach rock paperweights. Refreshments will be served.

Super Hero Matinee

Saturday, July 11 **1:30 p.m.**
When Gru, the world's most super-bad turned super-dad has been recruited by a team of officials to stop lethal muscle and host of Gru's own, he has to fight back with new gadgetry, cards, and more minion madness.

Teen Gaming

Monday, July 13 **2 p.m.**
Teens are invited to play video games on the *Wii* and *PlayStation*, as well as board games. Snacks provided. *Registration is not required.*

Reader's Theater
Wednesday, July 15 **2 p.m.**
Children, grades K and up, will enjoy acting out parts with Reader's Theater scripts. Refreshments will be served.

Registration required for all programs by phone or online except where noted.

Superhero Matinee
Saturday, July 18 **1:30 p.m.**
When Dusty learns that his engine is damaged and may never race again, he joins a forest fire and rescue unit to be trained as a firefighter, or else his air strip will be shut down.

Robots
Monday, July 20 **2 p.m.**
Teens will make a robot. Refreshments served.

Family Story Time
Tuesday, July 21 **1:30 p.m.**
Families can enjoy a story time that will include stories, songs, and finger plays.

Indiana Dunes State Park
Wednesday, July 22 **2 p.m.**
Children, grades K and up, are welcome to join us in hearing a presentation by Kip Walton. He will speak about endangered species at the Indian Dunes State Park. He will also bring a live creature and animal furs.

Superhero Puffy Paint Window Clings
Thursday, July 23 **2 p.m.**
'Tweens, ages 9 to 13, will have fun making superhero puffy paint window clings. Refreshments will be served.

Family Bea and Tom
Saturday, July 25 **10 a.m.**
Lake County Fair mascot, Bea the Bee, and Lakeshore Public Radio personality and Times columnist, Tom Lounges, will read to children. There will be bookmarks, stickers, and more, along with a Family 4-Pack of gate and parking passes for this year's Lake County Fair. Refreshments provided. Bring your camera for photos.

Superhero Matinee
Saturday, July 25 **1:30 p.m.**
A group of space criminals must work together to stop the villain Ronan the Accuser from destroying the galaxy. Refreshments will be served. *Registration not required.*

Elemental Hero Card Game
Monday, July 27 **p.m.**
Teens are invited to play Elemental Hero Card games. Refreshments will be served.

Comic Book Party
Wednesday, July 29 **2 p.m.**
Children in grades K and up will enjoy a fun comic book party! Refreshments will be served.

Merrillville Branch

1919 W. 81st Ave., Merrillville, IN 46410
769-3541
www.lcplin.org/branches/cnl.htm

Craft Table for Children
All Month Long
Children of all ages are welcome to make a craft at the craft table in the children's department during the library's open hours.

Family Movie!
Wed., July 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 **Noon**
All ages can join us for a Summer Lunchtime Family Movie. Snacks are welcome (clear liquids only)! Children under 7 must be accompanied by an adult 18 or older. For movie titles, please call the library or check our online events calendar.

Where's Dave?
All Month Long
Each day throughout June and July, Dave the minion will be reading in a new part of the library. Find Dave, take a picture of him, and show the picture to the person at the reference desk to get a piece of candy! Come to the reference desk to find out where he'll be each day.

Board Games with Heroes
Wednesdays, July 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 **6 p.m.**
Children in grades K to 6 will meet to play fun board games with a local community hero. Family members are welcome to join in!

Celebrate Our Patriots Boot Camp
Thursday, July 2 **10:30 a.m.**
Celebrate America's heroic troops through games, activities, and by making cards for soldiers! You may even get to meet members of our Armed Forces! For children who have completed kindergarten-5th grad. Advanced sign-up required at the youth services desk or by calling ext. 360. Sign-ups end 2 days before event.

Comics Club
Thursdays, July 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 **3 p.m.**
Love comics? Want to learn more and create your own? Join local artist Natalie Parker as she leads a seven-session series of Comics Clubs! We'll be exploring different types of comics, drawing and writing our own, and even publishing a small zine! For children who have completed 3rd to 6th grades. Advanced sign-up required at the Youth Services desk or by calling ext. 360. Sign-ups end 2 days before event.

Family Story Time
Mondays, July 6, 13, 20, 27 **6 p.m.**
Families can enjoy a story time that will include stories, songs, and finger plays. Pajamas welcome! Each week will be a new theme: Friends and Bullies, Animal Heroes, Community Heroes, and Heroes in History.

LEGO Club
Tuesdays, July 7, 14, 21, 28 **4 p.m.**
Children in grades K-5 will have fun making their own unique LEGO creations. The only requirement is imagination!

LCPL Avengers: Make Your Own Hero
Tuesday, July 7 **6 p.m.**
Come join us in celebrating the adventures of comics' greatest heroes by learning to create your own, impossible stories about people with amazing abilities, juggling their everyday lives while trying to save the planet. This two-hour workshop for teens will give attendees the opportunity to write original works of superhero fiction and learn the core rules and skills for short fiction writing.

Villains & Sidekicks
Thursday, July 9 **10:30 a.m.**
What's a superhero without his nemesis or support squad? It's more superhero fun, with games, activities, and crafts. For children who have completed kindergarten - 5th grade. Advanced sign-up required at the youth services desk or by calling ext. 360. Sign-ups end 2 days before event.

Ronald McDonald Friendship Adventure!
Friday, July 10 **10:30 a.m.**
All ages may join our favorite clown on a Friendship Adventure as he promotes cooperation and play through lots of fun!

Read to Sooty the Dog
Tuesdays, July 14 & 28 **3:15 p.m.**
Come read to Sooty the Labrador! He is a registered Pet Partners therapy dog and will listen to stories YOU read to him!

Animal Heroes
Thursday, July 16 **10:30 a.m.**
Meet Indiana State Trooper Aaron Trammel and his heroic K-9 partner, Rykr, and learn about other heroic animals through stories, crafts, and activities. For children who have completed kindergarten to 5th grade. Advanced sign-up required at the youth services desk by calling ext. 360. Sign-ups end 2 days before event.

Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore Park Ranger Heroes
Friday, July 17 **10:30 a.m.**
Park Rangers are heroes, and you can be one too! Join Park Ranger Kip Walton and learn how he and other Indiana Dunes Rangers work to save the environment from invasive species, and how you can help! Meet some cool animals, too! For children who have completed kindergarten to 5th grade.

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Teen Anime Club
Tuesday, July 21 **6 p.m.**
Please join us for an anime movie night, ages 13-18. In 1860s Britian, a boy inventor finds himself caught in the middle of a deadly conflict over a revolutionary advance in steam power. PG-13, 126 min. Snacks will be provided. *Registration not required.*

Tall Tale Heroes
Thursday, July 23 **10:30 a.m.**
Paul Bunyan, John Henry, Sitka Rose—these were America's first superheroes! Learn about them and more through stories, activities, and crafts! For children who have completed kindergarten to 5th grade. Advanced sign-up required at the youth services desk or by calling ext. 360. Sign-ups end 2 days before the event.

Purdue Extension Blocks Party
Friday, July 24 **10:30 a.m.**
Lake County's Purdue Extension Office is bringing a Blocks Party to Merrillville! This is a time of free play with blocks of all shapes and sizes for families and their children ages 8 months to 8 years. Build and have fun!

Percy Jackson Camp Half Blood
Thursday, July 30 **10:30 a.m.**
Percy Jackson had to go to camp to become a hero. Now you can too! Celebrate this hero of Olympus with fun games, activities, and crafts! For children who have completed Kindergarten to 5th grade. Advanced sign-up required at the youth services desk by calling ext. 360. Sign-ups end 2 days before event.

Star Wars Final Party: All Ages
Saturday, August 1 **10:30 a.m.**
From a galaxy far, far away come the Star Wars troopers of the 501st Legion, here to help all ages celebrate the end of Summer Reading with fun games and activities! Pit yourself against the Force of the Dark Side with live action Tic Tac Toe!

Munster Branch
8701 Calumet Ave., Munster, IN 46321
836-8450
www.lcplin.org/branches/mu.htm

School Age Explorers- Every Hero Has a Story
Wed., July 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 **10:30 a.m. or 2 p.m.**
Children who have completed kindergarten and older will learn how they can be a hero through books, games, and a craft.

Summer Movie Break
Fri., July 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 **1:30 p.m.**
Families can take a break from the heat and enjoy a film on the big screen. Bring your own snacks. Call the Library for movie titles or check our online events calendar.

Munster Fire Department
Thursday, July 9 **2 p.m.**
Learn about fire safety, see a fireman dressed in full gear, and climb on a fire truck. *Registration is not required*, but we will cut off attendance at 75 people. Doors will open at 1:45 p.m.

Crafty Teens
Thursday, July 9 **2 p.m.**
Stop by the Library to enjoy a craft, games, and snacks.

Teen Anime Club
Wednesday, July 15 **3 p.m.**
Do you like Anime or Manga? Come join our Teen Anime Club. We will watch episodes of a popular new series. Snacks will be provided.

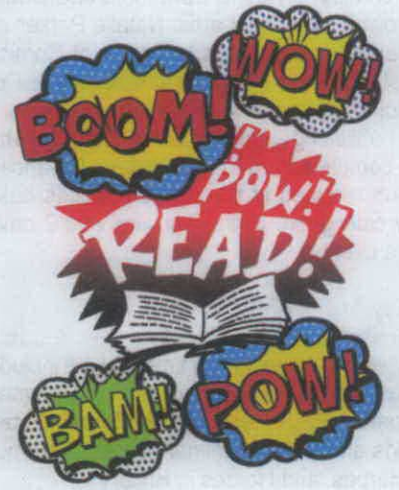
What to Do in an Emergency
Thursday, July 16 **2 p.m.**
Meet a paramedic and learn what to do when there is an emergency. Attendees will find out exactly what paramedics carry around, what they do when a call comes in, plus see what's inside the back of an ambulance. *Registration is not required*, but we will cut off attendance at 75 people. Doors will open at 1:45 p.m.

Super Teens
Tuesday, July 21 **2 p.m.**
Teens are invited to create their own superhero mask and have fun with science.

St. John Branch
9450 Wicker Avenue, St. John, IN 46373
365-5379
www.lcplin.org/branches/sj.htm

Dynamic Duplo Blocks
Thursday, July 2 **10:30 a.m.**
Children (2-4 years old) will have fun building with our DUPLO blocks!

LEGO Freebuild
Thursday, July 2 **1:30 p.m.**
Children will make their own LEGO creations using the library's LEGO blocks!



Teen Anime Club
Monday, July 6 **4 p.m.**
Enjoy anime or Manga? Come watch the first two episodes of a popular anime series. We will also do a craft and eat Japanese snacks.

Family Picnic Matinée
Wednesday, July 8 **1:30 p.m.**
Bring your blanket and sack lunch to enjoy a family movie. Cookies and lemonade will be provided. This program is for all ages and their family.

Kids Craft Table Kits
Saturdays, July 11, 18, 25 **All Day**
Children of all ages can make a craft at the St. John Branch. Ask for a kit at the service desk.

Dynamic DUPLO Blocks!
Monday, July 13 **10:30 a.m.**
Children (2-4 years old) and a caregiver will have fun building with our DUPLO blocks.

Fun with Sponges
Thur., July 16 **10:30 a.m. Or 1:30 p.m.**
School-age children (K -5th grade) are invited to come cool off outdoors at this fun water play program. Wear a hat and bring a towel. This program will be brought inside if it rains.

Teen Program-Comic Book Crafts
Thursday, July 16 **6 p.m.**
Join us as we make crafts using a variety of comics. Snacks will be served.

Teen Adivsory Board (T.A.B.)
Tuesday, July 21 **2 p.m.**
Come to the first meeting of our new T.A.B. group. We will meet, eat snacks, and discuss what programs to have in the fall.

Family Story Time: We are Heroes!
Wednesday, July 22 **6:30 p.m.**
Children and their families will listen to stories and make hand print crafts.

Teen Afternoon Movie
Monday, July 27 **2 p.m.**
Teens (6th -12th grade) are invited to watch an afternoon movie. A group of criminals are forced to team up to stop a villain from taking over the universe. The film is rated PG-13 and stars Chris Pratt and Zoe Saldana. Call the Library for the title.

Power Paws for Kids
Wednesday, July 29 **6:30 p.m.**
Children of all ages will enjoy reading to Power Paws service dogs.

Superhero Bingo!
Thursday, July 30 **1:30 p.m.**
BAM! WOW! SHAZAM! School-age children (K-5th grade) are invited to play bingo with us.

Registration required for all programs by phone or online except where noted.

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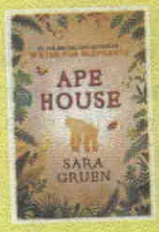


This is a month-long, online book discussion available to anyone, anywhere, at any time of day through email of: *Ape House* by Sara Gruen. When a family of bonobo apes, who know American Sign Language, are kidnapped from a language laboratory, their mysterious appearance on a reality TV show propels scientist Isabel Duncan, together with reporter John Thigpen, on a personal mission to rescue them.

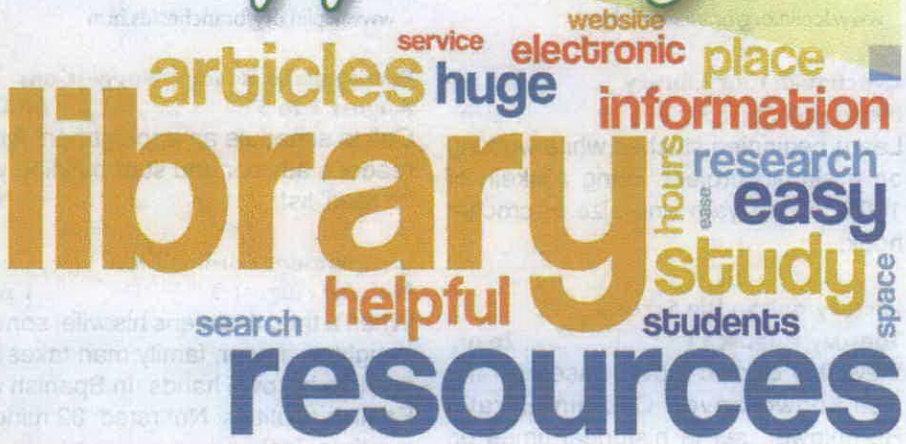
To join the discussion send an email to remarks@lcplin.org.

Online Book Discussion for Teens

Teens can participate in this month-long, online book discussion available at any time of day from anywhere of the novel: *City of Bones* by Cassandra Clare.

When Clary Fray witnesses three tattoo-covered teenagers murder another teen, she is unable to prove the crime because the victim disappears right in front of her eyes, and no one else can see the killers. Exotic and gritty, exhilarating and utterly gripping, this author's ferociously entertaining fantasy takes readers on a wild ride that they will never want to end.

To join email teenreads@lcplin.org. Call 219-769-3541 Ext. 335 for more information.



(Computer) Class is Back in Session!

August bids adieu to our Summer Reading program, and has us starting to think about going back to school. It is a time to lament about summer winding down. I hope you all had a chance to stop in at one or more of our branches to enjoy festive displays, see eye-catching decorations, and pick out a few great reads. It's been a "super" summer so far! While the Summer Reading Program is coming to an end, we still give you plenty of reasons to come in and visit the library. At the Lake Station- New Chicago branch, we will be featuring new computer classes in August. We are especially looking forward to our "ABC Mouse Party" on Monday, August 10th. Parents or caregivers can bring little ones (2-5) and learn how to use ABC Mouse with your child. There is a 15 minute instructional session for the adults while children hear a story. Then parent/caregiver will supervise their child as they explore ABC Mouse together on library computers. Class size is limited, and registration is required.

Did you know that with your resident library card, you have access to thousands of ebooks and audiobooks? You can check out these ebooks anywhere you have Internet access and read them on a myriad of devices. Want to know more? Come to our "Intro to E-books" class on August 26th to learn all about it. Class size is limited and, again, registration is required.

If you are unable to attend the scheduled classes, or you are too uncomfortable to learn in a group setting, feel free to call us to make a one-to-one appointment. We are very easy-going, and are glad to help you with a variety of computer questions. We can even start from scratch if you have never touched a computer before.

Another reason to come visit the library is to get help searching for a job. On Friday, August 21, a librarian will be available to work with you one-to-one to help research jobs, proofread your resume, help you sign up for a free email account, and show you how to upload your resume. Questions are welcome in this relaxed atmosphere.

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Branch Library Happenings

Cedar Lake Branch

10010 E. 133rd Ave., Cedar Lake, IN 46303
374-7121
www.lcplin.org/branches/cl.htm

Crochet @ Your Library
Monday, August 3 — 7 p.m.
Learn beginning stitches while working on a simple project. Bring a skein of 100% cotton yarn and size H crochet hook.

History on the Big Screen
Tuesday, August 11 — 2p.m.
View this classic movie based on the well-known novel, Captain Horatio Hornblower, set in historical times on the high seas.

Books & Chat
Wednesday, August 19 — 6:30 p.m.
Readers are invited to discuss *State of Wonder* by Ann Patchett, a powerful and captivating novel about a pharmaceutical researcher who travels to the Amazon.

Sensational Science
Thursday, August 20 — 4 p.m.
Teens will experiment, plan, build, and compute in an exploration of S T E A M: Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math.

Travel the World Without Leaving Home
Tuesday, August 25 — 2 p.m.
From the outskirts of London travel to Dublin, Bath, Wales, Edinburgh and Scotland via the library's cinematic screen.

Teen GameFest
Wednesday, August 26 — 3-5 p.m.
Teens will play *Wii, PlayStation*, and board games. Snacks provided.

Dyer-Schererville Branch

1001 W. Lincoln Hwy., Schererville, IN 46375
322-4731
www.lcplin.org/branches/ds.htm

Personalized Reading Suggestions
August 1 to 31 — All Day
Call to schedule an appointment with a reader's adviser and start building your 'to read' list.

Independent Foreign Film
Monday, August 3 — 1 p.m.
When a thug threatens his wife, son and daughter, a poor, family man takes justice into his own hands. In Spanish with English subtitles. Not rated; 82 minutes run time. [cc]

Blood Pressure Screening
Tuesday, August 4 — 10:30 a.m
Blood pressure screenings are offered free of charge by medical representatives. *Registration not required.*

Stamp Class
Tuesday, August 11 — 6:30 p.m.
Participants will work on projects created with rubber stamps, ink & decorative paper. There is a $5 fee to cover the cost of materials. Please bring a glue stick.

iPad Basics
Wednesday, August 12 — 2 p.m.
or Monday, August 24 — 2 p.m.
Learn the basic functions of an iPad or iPad mini. Bring your device, your Apple ID and password.

Teen Advisory Board Meeting
Wednesday, August 12 — 6:30 p.m.
Teens (11-18) will eat, drink, play games, and influence what goes on at the library, especially for teens! *Registration not required.*

Virtual Tourist
Wednesday, August 19 — 7 p.m.
Journey to Canada to visit the stark mountainsides and rolling plains while enjoying a local snack in this virtual visit.

Lab Rat Tuesday: Project Penguin Watch
Tuesday, August 25 — 6:30 p.m.
Teens will learn about penguins and help scientists in Antarctica classify and identify penguins in pictures captured on remote cameras.

Between the Lines
Wednesday, August 26 — 7 p.m.
or Thursday, August 27 — 10:15 a.m.
Insightful, bold, irreverent, and raw, *The Fault in Our Stars* by John Green explores the funny, thrilling, and tragic business of being alive and in love. *Registration not required.*

Griffith-Calumet Twshp. Branch

1215 E. 45th Ave., Griffith, IN 46319
838-2825
www.lcplin.org/branches/gr.htm

Saturday Scrappers
Saturday, August 1 — 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Work on your own scrapping project together with other like minded scrap booking friends. *Registration not required.*

Paper Creations
Tuesday, August 4 — 1 p.m.
Design personalized cards and more. Learn, practice, and enjoy creating. There is a $5 fee to cover the cost of materials.

StoryLovers Book Group
Tuesday, August 4 — 5:30 p.m.
or Wednesday, August 5 — 10:30 a.m.
Read to discuss *The Weight of Blood* by Laura McHugh, a gripping, suspenseful novel about two mysterious disappearances a generation apart. *Registration not required.*

Thursday Threaders
Thursday, August 6 — 10:30 a.m.
Bring and work on your own project while enjoying the company of others. *Registration not required.*

Scrabble Night
Thurs., Aug. 6, 13, 20, 27 — 6-8 p.m.
Folks of all ages are invited to a fun evening of Scrabble. Increase your vocabulary while having a great time. *Registration not required.*

Registration required for all programs by phone or online except where noted.

Mystery Loves Co. Discussion
Monday, August 10 1 p.m.
Read to discuss *The Secret Place* by Tana French, a twisting, and tense murder mystery that soars on the psychological insights of 'whydunit.' *Registration not required.*

Great Decisions Discussion Group
Tuesdays, August 11 & 25 6:30 p.m.
As Africa is in the middle of immense growth and foreign investors are drawn to the continent, how will the US secure its interests there, while living up to US promises and values. Registration optional.

Ask Me: Employment Resources
Wednesday, August 12 11 a.m.
Librarians are prepared to help at these one-on-one walk-in sessions to research jobs, organize a resume, proofread, sign up for a free email account, introduce online job searching, upload a resume, and answer your specific job questions.

Gardening - Seasonal Garden Tips
Monday, August 17 7 p.m.
Learn tips for preparing, extending, and enjoying the life of your garden to get the most out of the summer bounty.

Blood Pressure Screening
Tuesday, August 18 10:30 a.m.
Free blood pressure screenings offered by medical representatives. *Registration not required.*

Movie Wednesday
Wednesday, August 19 2p.m.
Based on the true story of a family caught in the mayhem of one of the worst natural catastrophes of our time. The film stars Naomi Watts and Ewan McGreggor. Rated PG-13. Running time 114 minutes. *Registration not required.*

Moon Called Book Discussion
Monday, August 24 6:30 p.m.
The book discussion of *Written in Red* by Anne Bishop is for readers who love urban fantasy, horror fantasy, paranormal fiction and paranormal romance.

Time to Travel Series
Wednesday, August 26 2-4pm
Iran, the largest country in the Middle East, has sky-high snowy mountains, extended deserts, verdant oases, and stunning mosques, as well as cultural and architectural relic sites.

Graphic Novel Book Club
Thursday, August 27 5:30 p.m.
Teen fans of Graphic Novels are welcome to join us as we discuss *Spider-Man: The Birth of Venom* by Jim Shooter. Snacks included! *Registration not required.*

Book Buddies
Monday, August 31 4 p.m.
Read and discuss *The All-Girl Filling Station* by Fanny Flagg, the story of five women who worked in a Phillips 66 gas station during the WWII years. *Registration not required.*

Highland Branch
2841 Jewett St., Highland, IN 46322
838-2394
www.lcplin.org/branches/hi.htm

History on Film
Monday, August 3 2 p.m. & 6:30 p.m.
The Brooklyn Bridge was not only a landmark, but also the first bridge of its kind, built with an uphill battle against the elements and corrupt politicians. *Registration not required.*

Teen Anime Club
Tuesday, August 11 6 p.m.
Teen fans of anime or manga are invited to watch episodes of *MY Love STORY.*

Travel by Film
Monday, August 17 2 p.m. & 6:30 p.m.
Travel vicariously to Madeira, Portugal, an island near the coast of Africa in the Atlantic Ocean with its legendary flowers and wine vineyards. *Registration not required.*

Teen Advisory Board
Wednesday, August 19 3:45 p.m.
Snacks will be served as teens make plans for upcoming projects. *Registration not required.*

Stamp Camp
Wednesday, August 19 6:30 p.m.
With professional assistance, participants will design and complete customized greeting cards and more. There is a $5 fee to cover the cost of materials.

Gardening Class
Thursday, August 20 6:30 p.m.
Master Gardener Carole Kutcka presents a visual presentation of the magnificent French gardens.

Classic/Feature Film
Monday, August 24 2 p.m. & 6 p.m.
This hysterical comedy finds Tony Curtis and Jack Lemmon on the lam after witnessing a mob hit. *Some Like It Hot* also stars Marilyn Monroe. (1959, 105 minutes runtime) *Registration not required.*

Teen Card Game Mashup
Thursday, August 27 6 p.m.
Bring your cards to match your wits (and decks) against other gamers. We will also learn to play other games, such as Munchkin. *Registration is not required.*

Classic/Feature Film
Monday, August 31 2 p.m. & 6 p.m.
Join us for the big screen presentation of *Mr. Roberts* with Henry Fonda, James Cagney, Jack Lemmon, and William Powell. (1955, 120 minutes runtime) *Registration not required.*

Hobart Branch
100 N. Main St., Hobart, IN 46342
942-2243
www.lcplin.org/branches/ho.htm

Teen Advisory Board Meeting
Tuesday, August 11 3:45 p.m.
Teens and 'tweens (12 to 18) are invited to join the newly formed Teen Advisory Board to plan future projects and earn volunteer hours. Snacks served.

Contemporary Book Club
Tuesday, August 18 10:30 a.m.
The Thirteenth Tale by Diane Setterfield is the story of a biography writer who must separate fact from fiction in this compelling story about family secrets.

Lake Station-New Chicago
2007 Central Avenue, Lake Station, IN 46405
962-2409
www.lcplin.org/branches/lsnc.htm

Nutrition Classes in Spanish
Tuesdays, August 4 & 11 Noon
Purdue University Cooperative Extension is offering this program in Spanish to our local community with timely talks on nutrition, food budgeting, and healthy living ideas.

Book Chat
Thursday, August 6 10:30 a.m.
Saving CeeCee Honeycutt by Beth Hoffman is the story of a 12 year old caring for her psychotic mother until a great-aunt whirls her into a world of wacky humor and female friendships.

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Branch Library Happenings

Coffee, Donuts, and a Movie
Wednesday, August 12 10:30 a.m.
Bud Abbott and Lou Costello enlist in the army to avoid jail time! Not rated; 84 minutes run time. *Registration not required.*

Movie Wednesday
Wednesday, August 12 2 p.m.
A cross country coach (Kevin Costner) transforms a small town team into championship contenders. Rated PG; run time 129 minutes. *Registration not required.*

Family Nutrition
Friday, August 14 11:30 a.m.
The Purdue Cooperative Extension Nutrition Adviser will discuss a variety of topics to adults and children demonstrating how to prepare quick, tasty, and healthy low-cost foods.

Computer Class: Navigating the Net
Tuesdays, August 18 & 25 2 p.m.
Beginners will learn how to find information on the internet. Basic mouse skills are required.

Computer Class: Email
Wednesday, August 19 11 a.m.
Adults will set up a free email account and learn how to use email.

Ask Me: Employment Resources
Friday, August 21 1 p.m.
Librarians are prepared to help at these one-on-one walk-in sessions to research jobs, organize a resume, proofread, sign up for free email account, introduce online job searching, upload a resume, and answer your specific job questions. *Registration not required.*

Teen Electronic Gaming
Tuesday, August 25 6 p.m.
Teens are invited to play video games on *PlayStation* and the *Wii*. *Registration not required.*

Computer Class: Intro to eBooks
Wednesday, August 26 3 p.m.
Adults will learn how to use and request library eBooks.

Merrillville Branch

1919 W. 81st Ave., Merrillville, IN 46410
769-3541
www.lcplin.org/branches/cnl.htm

Ask Me! I Work Here!
Mondays, August 3, 17 & 31 2-4 p.m.
Library staff will answer your questions about library materials that should work on your computer or portable device. *Registration not required.*

Ask Me: Employment Resources
Monday, August 3 4 p.m.
Librarians are prepared to help at these one-on-one walk-in sessions to research jobs, organize a resume, proofread, sign up for free email account, introduce online job searching, upload a resume, and answer your specific job questions. *Registration not required.*

Book Discussion & More
Tuesday, August 4 10:30 a.m.
Join in this discussion of *Contagious: Why Things Catch On* by Jonah Berger and learn how to Craft Contagious with Michelle Bradley.

ICE: A New Approach to Parenting Workshop
Tuesday, August 11 6 p.m.
The ICE (Inspire, Create, Excite) project is designed to increase positive family values and positive service delivery from organizations that service families.

Circle of Readers Book Discussion
Thursday, August 16 6:15 p.m.
Readers will discuss *The Golem and The Jinni* by Helene Wecker. A chance meeting between mythical beings takes readers on a dazzling journey through cultures in turn-of-the-century New York.

Hammered Dulcimer Music
Tuesday, August 18 2 p.m.
Paul Horgash and Paul Fabbi will perform a concert playing the hammered dulcimer and bass.

Teen Anime Club
Tuesday, August 18 6 p.m.
Teens (13 to 18) are invited to view three anime episodes. Snacks provided. *Registration not required.*

Introduction to Alzheimer's Disease
Friday, August 21 10 a.m.
A free, informational, and interactive session that focuses on progressive dementia. A light lunch at 11:30 a.m. is followed by advanced issues and strategies. Register at 1-888-303-0180.

Movie Time
Saturday, August 22 1 p.m.
It's time for a movie, popcorn and beverages. A cross country coach (Kevin Costner) transforms a small town team into championship contenders. Rated PG; run time 129 minutes. *Registration not required.*

Back Dooring the 1890 Census
Friday, August 28 1-3 p.m.
Indiana state appointed Lake County Genealogist Marlene Polster will present this free workshop to show records that can pin down where your family lived in and around 1890.

Munster Branch

8701 Calumet Ave., Munster, IN 46321
836-8450
www.lcplin.org/branches/mu.htm

Teen Advisory Board
Wednesday, August 5 2 p.m.
Middle and high school students are invited to this monthly Teen Advisory Board meeting to help plan teen programs. *Registration not required.*

Classic Film
Monday, August 10 2 p.m.
In *Harvey*, James Steward stars as good-natured Elwood P. Dowd, whose constant companion is a six-foot tall rabbit that only he can see. Not rated; running time 105 minutes.

Independent Film
Tuesday, August 11 2 p.m. & 6:30 p.m.
Based on Stephen Amidon's acclaimed novel, *Human Capital*, this foreign film presents a riveting and stylish modern-day morality tale of class, greed, and desire. In Italian with English subtitles; not rated, adults; 110 minutes run time. [cc]

Gardening Class
Wednesday, August 12 6:30 p.m.
Learn the history of roses and their use in language during this PowerPoint presentation by Master Gardener Susan Radovich.

AARP Smart Driver Class
Monday, August 17 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Adults can refresh driving skills, defensive driving techniques and safety strategies. This classroom course is $15 for AARP members and $20 for non-members. Please be sure to register.

Teen Anime Club
Tuesday, August 18 3:30 p.m.
Teens are invited to join our Teen Anime Club. We will watch episodes of a popular new series. Snacks will be provided.

Learning to Love Yourself
Tuesday, August 18 6:30 p.m.
Facilitated by a retired psychologist and active life coach, learn to stop the negative chatter of criticism and how to tune into your authentic self.

Australia to the Max
Thursday, August 20 2 p.m. & 7 p.m.
Take an in-depth look at the most desirable destinations for travelers to Australia following host Rudy Maxa.

Ask Me: Employment Resources
Monday, August 24 11 a.m.
Librarians are prepared to help at these one-on-one walk-in sessions to research jobs, organize a resume, proofread, sign up for a free email account, introduce online job searching, upload a resume, and answer your specific job questions. *Registration not required.*

Big Bands & Swing Music of the World War II Era
Tuesday, August 25 1:30 p.m.
Tap your feet to the sounds of Glenn Miller, Duke Ellington, Benny Goodman, Harry James, Count Basie, Tommy Dorsey, Louis Armstrong, and more in this presentation by John Ban, Professor Emeritus, IUN.

Blood Pressure Screening
Thursday, August 27 10 a.m. To Noon
Medical representatives provide free blood pressure screenings. *No appointments or registration are needed.*

Thursday Afternoon Book Discussion
Thursday, August 27 1:30 p.m.
In Lionel Shriver's *We Need to Talk About Kevin*, the mother of a teenage boy involved in a high school shooting writes a series of letters to her estranged husband on their son's upbringing.

Great Books Discussion
Thursday, August 27 7 p.m.
Readers are invited to read and discuss *Of Personal Identity* by David Hume, a selection from the fifth series of Great Books.

St. John Branch
9450 Wicker Avenue, St. John, IN 46373
365-5379
www.lcplin.org/branches/sj.htm

Stamp Camp
Monday, August 3 6:30 p.m.
Express your creativity with rubber stamps and decorative paper. There is a $5 fee to cover the cost of materials.

Travel Film Series.
Tuesday, August 4 2 p.m.
Explore Kenya visiting Nairobi, Masai Mara, and Amboseli National Park. Refreshments served.

Gardening Class
Monday, August 10 7 p.m.
In this class sponsored by the St. John Garden Club, Master Gardener Susan Eleuterio presents "Creating a Community Garden."

Ask Me: Employment Resources
Wednesday, August 12 11 a.m.
Librarians are prepared to help at these one-on-one walk-in sessions to research jobs, organize a resume, proofread, sign up for free email account, introduce online job searching, upload a resume, and answer your specific job questions. *Registration not required.*

Classic Film Series
Thursday, August 27 2 p.m.
In this 1954 film, the stage is set for fireworks as the mega-rich Larrabee brothers fall under the spell of the family chauffeur's delightful daughter. *Sabrina* stars Audrey Hepburn, Humphrey Bogart, and William Holden; not rated; run time 112 minutes.

Ask a Librarian

Q: Do you have forms to fill out when filing for divorce?

A: If you go to the website www.in.gov/judiciary/selfservice/ there is a link for Court Forms to click on, within that list of forms there is a category for Divorce.

**Please be aware that librarians can direct you to the website but cannot select the correct form for you or help you fill it out.

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If computers are not your thing, perhaps a cooking class might be more your style. On Friday August 14, Belinda Stepnowski, Family Nutrition Adviser from Purdue Cooperative Extension Service, will discuss a variety of food and nutrition topics to adults and children. She will show participants how to prepare quick, tasty, and healthy low-cost foods.

It's not all work and no play at our library, though. We also have monthly movie programs! On the second Wednesday of every month, we would love for you to join us for "Coffee, Donuts, and a Movie." A classic movie is shown at 10:30 am. Please give us a call for specific title information.

Julie Bradford
Branch Manager
Lake Station-New Chicago Branch

Lake County Public Library
1919 West 81st Avenue
Merrillville, IN 46410

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August Summer Children's Classes

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MOTHER GOOSE ON THE LOOSE!

Storytimes

Birth-23 mo.
and a caregiver

This 30 minute lapsit program uses songs, rhymes, and finger plays to encourage interaction and foster language development and motor skills.

Cedar Lake Branch:
3rd Friday 10:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m.

Griffith-Calumet Twp. Branch
2nd & 4th Wednesday 10:30 a.m.

Highland Branch:
3rd Tuesday 6:30 a.m.
3rd Wednesday 10:30 a.m.

St. John Branch:
2nd & 4th Thursday 10:15 a.m.

2-3 Year Olds

This 45 minute program is filled with stories, songs, and finger plays, and a craft.

(Caregivers must be present during program.)

Cedar Lake Branch:
4th Thursday 10:30 a.m.

Griffith-Calumet Twp. Branch
1st & 3rd Wednesday 10:30 a.m.

Highland Branch:
3rd Monday 10:30 a.m.

St. John Branch:
1st & 3rd Tues. 10:15 a.m., 11:15 a.m.

4-5 Year Olds

This hour program is filled with stories, songs, finger plays, and a craft.

Cedar Lake Branch:
3rd Tuesday 10:30 a.m., 1 p.m.

Griffith-Calumet Twp. Branch
1st & 3rd Tuesday 1:00 p.m.

Highland Branch:
3rd Tuesday 10:30 a.m.

Cedar Lake Branch
10010 E. 133rd Avenue
Cedar Lake, IN 46303
374-7121
www.lcplin.org/branches/cl.htm

Super Fest: Crafts & Games
Saturday, August 1 **2-4 p.m.**
Children of all ages, accompanied by an adult, will participate in a variety of games and crafts to celebrate their summer reading achievements.

Learning & More @ the Library
August 3 to 31 **All Day**
All month long children of all ages can enjoy early literacy activities, crafts, and more during open hours. It's always fun @ the library!

ST E A M Friday!
Friday, August 7 **All Day**
Using Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math, children of all ages will enjoy experimenting, designing, building, computing, and crafting as we explore heat, weather, and more. *Registration is not required.*

Family Story Time
Monday, August 31 **6:30 p.m.**
Children of all ages explore bubbles – paint them, blow them, make them, and more – with stories, crafts, music and fun.

Dyer-Schererville Branch
1001 W. Lincoln Hwy.
Schererville, IN 46375
322-4731
www.lcplin.org/branches/ds.htm

Craft Table for Children
August 1 to 31 **All Day**
Children of all ages are welcome to make a fun craft at the craft table in the children's department during library open hours.

Griffith-Calumet Twshp. Branch
1215 E. 45th Avenue
Griffith, IN 46319
838-2825
www.lcplin.org/branches/gr.htm

Story Time at the Market
Friday, August 7 & 21 **4 p.m.**
Children of all ages are invited to join us at the Griffith Central Market in Griffith Central Park for stories, songs, and crafts. *Registration is not required.*

Highland Branch
2841 Jewett Street
Highland, IN 46322
838-2394
www.lcplin.org/branches/hi.htm

See the front page Story Times schedule of classes.

Hobart Branch
100 N. Main Street
Hobart, IN 46342
942-2243
www.lcplin.org/branches/ho.htm

Friday Family Movie
Friday, August 7 **2 p.m.**
Milo finds out just how much he needs his mom when she's nabbed by Martians in *Mars Needs Moms*. Raged PG, run time is 88 minutes.

Friday Family Movie
Friday, August 14 **2 p.m.**
At long last, the secret of just what the Great Gonzo happens to be is revealed in *Muppets from Space*. Rated G, run time is 88 minutes.

Friday Family Movie
Friday, August 21 **2 p.m.**
A Midwestern lineman experiences a UFO sighting and becomes obsessed with the phenomenon in *Close Encounters of the Third Kind*. Rated PG, run time is 137 minutes.

Friday Family Movie
Friday, August 28 **2 p.m.**
Mankind had to leave Earth but somebody forgot to turn off the last robot in *Wall-E*. Rated G, run time is 98 minutes.

Lake Station-New Chicago Branch
2007 Central Avenue
Lake Station, IN 46405
962-2409
www.lcplin.org/branches/lsnc.htm

Computer Class: ABC Mouse Party
Monday, August 10 **10:30 a.m.**
Parents will learn how to use ABC Mouse with their young children (2 to 5 years of age). Children will hear a story while the adults receive a 15 minute instructional session. Then all will be reunited to explore ABC Mouse together on library computers.

LEGO Night
Wednesday, August 26 **6 p.m.**
Children of all ages are invited to create their own unique LEGO designs. Refreshments served.

Merrillville Branch
1919 W. 81st Avenue
Merrillville, IN 46410
769-3541
www.lcplin.org/branches/cnl.htm

Craft Table for Children
August 1 to 31 **All Day**
Children of all ages are welcome to make a craft at the craft table in the Children's department during library open hours.

Star Wars Final Party
Saturday, August 1 **10:30 a.m.**
From a galaxy far, far away come the Star Wars troopers of the 501st Legion, here to help all ages celebrate the end of Summer Reading with fun games and activities. Pit yourself against the Force of the Dark Side with live action Tic Tac Toe!

LEGO Club
Tuesday, August 18 **4 p.m.**
Children in kindergarten to grade 5 will have fun making their own unique LEGO structures. The only requirement is imagination!

Gaming Night
Wednesday, August 26 **6 p.m.**
Children in kindergarten through grade 5 are invited to play electronic games on the *Wii* or *PlayStation 2*, as well as board games. Snacks served.

Munster Branch
8701 Calumet Avenue
Munster, IN 46321
836-8450
www.lcplin.org/branches/mu.htm

Summer Reading Volunteer Party
Saturday, August 1 **3:30 p.m.**
Any volunteer who participated in this year's Summer Reading Program is invited to our Thank You Ice Cream Party.

LEGO Building
Thursday, August 13 **3-7 p.m.**
Young LEGO enthusiasts, kindergarten and up, are invited to stop by any time from 3 to 7 pm for some creative building time with other kids. Participants will construct with the library's LEGO blocks, then share their creations with the group.

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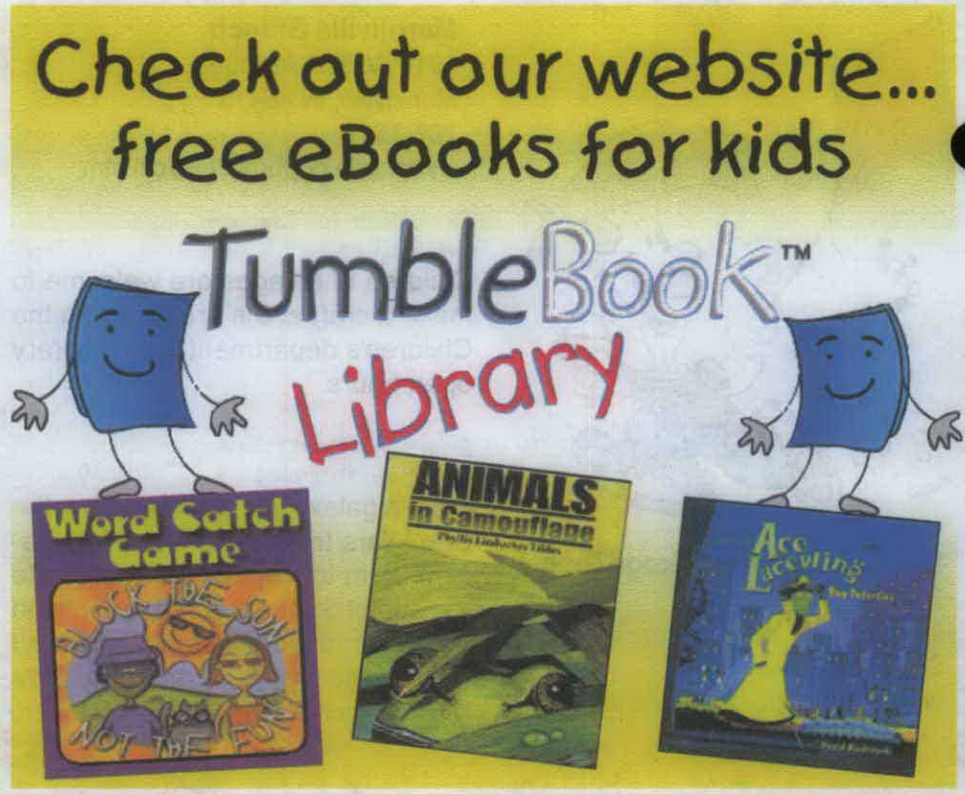
St. John Branch
9450 Wicker Avenue
St. John, IN 46373
365-5379
www.lcplin.org/branches/sj.htm

LEGO Freebuild
Wednesday, August 5 10:30 a.m.
Young LEGO enthusiasts are invited to use their imagination as they build with the library's LEGO blocks.

Fun with Bubbles: Family Story Time
Thursday, August 6 10:30 a.m.
Children and their families will listen to stories about bubbles and participate in a bubble craft and other activities.

All About Pets: Family Story Time
Tuesday, August 11 10:30 a.m.
Children and their families will listen to stories about pets, then complete a craft and participate in other activities.



If your school is not one of those partnered with Lake County Public Library, tell your administration you're interested! Partnering with the library means that you get a Digital Access Card so you can use library resources right away from any location without ever setting foot in one of our buildings.

Research for Projects and Homework We have a fine selection of databases for your research needs. English paper coming up? Gotcha covered. Science project? No problem. Anything you need to learn about, you can find it here.

Geocaching at the Libraries

What's Geocaching?

A compass is helpful when geocaching - or a GPS device. Geocaching is a scavenger hunt-like hobby that takes people to all sorts of interesting locations hunting for treasures (called caches). After hiding the cache, the hider records the longitude and latitude of the location for seekers to use. Seekers use GPS devices to get them as close as possible to the cache and then hunt for it.

Once you find the cache, you sign the logbook contained inside. You might find some cool swag to take with you, too!

The official geocaching site is www.geocaching.com. It's free for anyone to join and to hunt caches all over the world. When you find a cache, you can log on to geocaching.com and leave a message in the online logbook for each cache, too, or share pictures of your adventure searching for the cache. The library's geocaching profile (including all of our hides) can be found here.

Need more info?

Read the official geocaching.com guide.

LAKE COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

www.lcplin.org

Library Happenings

September 2015

Need New Reading Suggestions?

Wondering what to read this fall? Well worry no more because several people from "the region" have already gathered together and brainstormed ideas just for you! Books have been selected for each age level and there are even special programs around the area that correlate with each book. Discussion guides as well as lists of more suggested books have also been made for you, too.

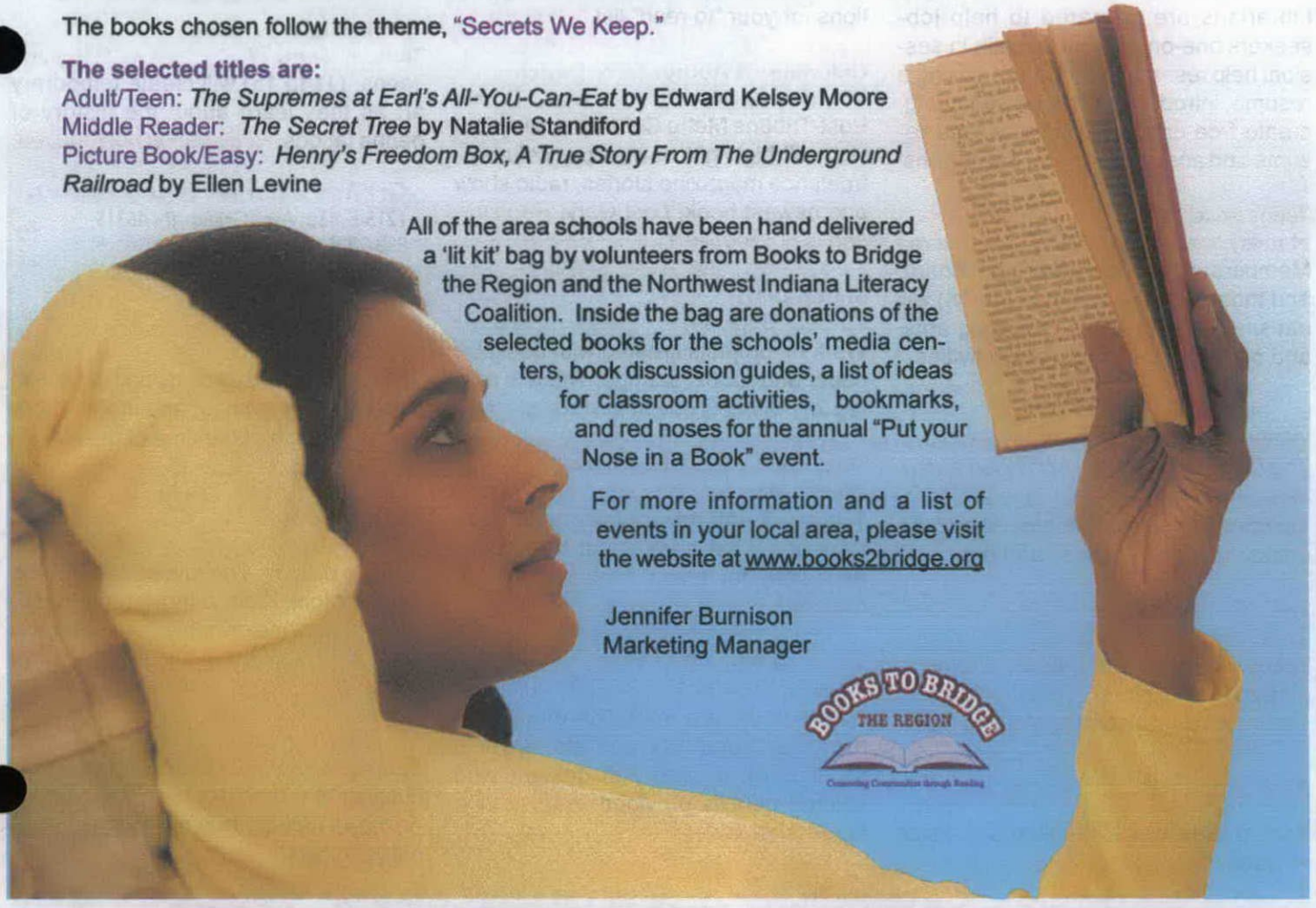
Who did all this work for you? The answer is *Books to Bridge the Region*. This reading initiative encompasses seven Northwest Indiana counties: Jasper, Lake, LaPorte, Newton, Porter, Pulaski, and Starke. Area residents are encouraged to read books on a common theme.

Rather than selecting one book that would limit readership to a specific level of readers, the *Books to Bridge the Region* selection committee adopted a themed approach with multi-generational selections. Families can read together and readers of all ages can enjoy conversations generated by these books. In addition, this approach lends itself to varied programming that libraries, K-12 schools, colleges, and universities can offer the communities in Northwest Indiana.

The books chosen follow the theme, "Secrets We Keep."

The selected titles are:

Adult/Teen: *The Supremes at Earl's All-You-Can-Eat* by Edward Kelsey Moore
Middle Reader: *The Secret Tree* by Natalie Standiford
Picture Book/Easy: *Henry's Freedom Box, A True Story From The Underground Railroad* by Ellen Levine



All of the area schools have been hand delivered a 'lit kit' bag by volunteers from Books to Bridge the Region and the Northwest Indiana Literacy Coalition. Inside the bag are donations of the selected books for the schools' media centers, book discussion guides, a list of ideas for classroom activities, bookmarks, and red noses for the annual "Put your Nose in a Book" event.

For more information and a list of events in your local area, please visit the website at www.books2bridge.org

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Branch Library Happenings

Cedar Lake Branch

10010 E. 133rd Ave., Cedar Lake, IN 46303
374-7121
www.lcplin.org/branches/cl.htm

History on the Big Screen
Tuesday, September 8 — 2 p.m.
Travel through history via the library's big screen to Berlin, the capital of reunified Germany.

T-Shirt Re-Do
Tuesday, Sept. 8 & Wednesday, Sept. 9 — 4 p.m.
Teens will use t-shirt on hand (or can bring their own) to transform them into something new. Snack while you craft.

Ask Me: Employment Resources
Wednesday, Sept. 9 — 11 a.m.
Librarians are prepared to help job-seekers one-on-one in this walk-in session: help researching jobs, organizing a resume, introduce online job searching, create free email accounts, upload resume and answer specific job questions.

Teens Snack & Plan
Monday, Sept. 14 — 4 p.m.
Members of the Teen Advisory Board, and those wishing to join (11 to 18) will eat snacks, plan future teen programs, and perform other volunteer activities.

Books & Chat
Wednesday, Sept. 16 — 6:30 p.m.
The Obituary Writer by Ann Hood examines expectations of marriage and love, the roles of wives and mothers, and the emotions of grief, regret, and hope.

Sensational Science
Thursday, Sept. 17 — 4 p.m.
Teens will experiment, build, and compute as they explore STEAM – Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math.

Crochet @ Your Library
Monday, Sept. 21 — 7 p.m.
Bring a skein of 100% cotton and a size H crochet hook.

Travel the World Without Leaving Home
Tuesday, Sept. 22 — 2 p.m.
Enjoy armchair travel via the library's cinematic screen to visit the eastern European country of Hungary.

Teen GameFest
Wednesday, Sept. 23 — 3-5 p.m.
Teens (11 to 18) will play games including *Wii* and *PlayStation* and can compete in tournaments. Snacks served.

Dyer-Schererville Branch

1001 W. Lincoln Hwy., Schererville, IN 46375
322-4731
www.lcplin.org/branches/ds.htm

Personalized Reading Suggestions
Tuesday, Sept. 1-30 — All Day
Contact our reader's adviser for suggestions for your "to read" list.

Columnist & Author Jerry Davich
Wednesday, Sept. 2 — 7 p.m.
Post-Tribune Metro Columnist Jerry Davich will highlight newspaper columns, freelance magazine stories, radio show and newest book, *Lost Gary*. *Registration is not required.*

Stamp Class
Tuesday, Sept. 8 — 6:30 p.m.
Work on projects created with designer paper and rubber stamps. There is a $5 fee for materials due at the time of class.

Teen Advisory Board Meeting
Wednesday, Sept. 9 — 6:30 p.m.
Teens will eat, drink, play games, and influence what goes on at the library, especially for teens. *Registration not required.*

Keep Calm and Carry On
Monday, Sept 14 — 12:30 & 6 p.m.
Adults (only) are invited to drop-in for the quiet tranquility and stress relief of coloring: a variety of designs and colored pencils provided. *Registration not required.*

Trains & Tracks – Rail Safety
Wednesday, Sept. 16 — 6 p.m.
Presentation by an Amtrak engineer to illustrate the dangers of trains, tracks, and rail crossings especially recommended for parents of teens and 'tweens. *Registration is not required.*

Virtual Tourist
Wednesday, Sept. 16 — 7 p.m.
Journey to France via the library's cinematic screen.

Lab Rat Tuesday – Chain Reaction Challenge
Tuesday, Sept. 22 — 6:30 p.m.
Teens will unleash the potential power of energy by signing up for an hour of science. *Registration preferred but not required.*

Between the Lines
Wednesday, Sept. 23 — 7 p.m.
or Thursday, Sept. 24 — 10:15 a.m.
Orange is the New Black: My Year in a Women's Prison by Piper Kerman is an absorbing, meditative look at the time the author spent behind bars. *Registration is not required.*

Henna Night for Teens
Tuesday, Sept. 29 — 6:30 p.m.
Teens, (11 to 18) will create temporary art as they learn about the history of henna tattoos. *Registration not required.*

Griffith-Calumet Twshp. Branch

1215 E. 45th Ave., Griffith, IN 46319
838-2825
www.lcplin.org/branches/gr.htm

Paper Creations
Tuesday, Sept. 1 — 1 p.m.
Design personalized cards and more with paper, rubber stamps, and more. There is a $5 fee due at the time of the class.

StoryLovers Book Group
Tuesday, Sept. 1 — 5:30 p.m.
or Wednesday, Sept. 2 — 10:30 a.m.
Read to discuss *The Invention of Wings* by Sue Monk Kidd, a moving portrait of two women inextricably linked by the horrors of slavery. *Registration is not required.*

Thursday Threaders
Thurs., Sept. 3 to 24 — 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Every or any Thursday bring and work on your own project while enjoying the company of others. *Registration is not required.*

Registration required for all programs by phone or online except where noted.

TAB Meeting
Thursday, Sept. 3 **3:45 p.m.**
Teens are invited to participate in the Calumet Township Teen Advisory Board. *Registration is not required.*

Scrabble Night
Thursday, Sept. 3 **6-8 p.m.**
Folks of all ages are invited to a fun evening of Scrabble. *Registration is not required.*

Saturday Scrappers
Saturday, Sept. 5 **11 a.m. to 4 p.m.**
Chat with like-minded scrap booking friends while working on your own scrap books. *Registration is not required.*

Great Decisions Discussion Group: Syria's Refugee Crisis
Tuesdays, Sept. 8 & 22 **6:30 p.m.**
Syrian refugees are becoming dependent on emergency aid from Jordan, Lebanon, Turkey and other nearby countries. Does the entire international community need to step up and assist in this crisis? *Registration is not required.*

Mystery Loves Co. Discussion
Monday, Sept. 14 **1 p.m.**
In *The Yard* by Alex Grecian, Victorian London's 'Murder Squad' partners with Scotland Yard's forensic pathologist to track down a killer who is targeting their colleagues. *Registration is not required.*

Blood Pressure Screening
Tuesday, September 15 **10:30 a.m.**
Home Care Services of Northwest Indiana offers free blood pressure screenings. *Registration is not required.*

Movie Wednesday
Wednesday, Sept. 16 **2 p.m.**
In anticipation of Banned Books Week, stop in for a showing of the film *To Kill a Mocking Bird.* Not rated; 131 minutes run time. *Registration is not required.*

Beatle-Mania: Live Music Event
Thursday, Sept. 17 **6:30 p.m.**
In an encore performance, Eddie Jones, Scott Larson, Bill Wicert and Company take the audience on an exciting journey through the Beatles discography on the library's patio. *Registration is not required.*

Graphic Novel Book Club
Thursday, Sept. 24 **5:30 p.m.**
Teen fans of graphic novels munch on popcorn and pizza watching graphic films of *DC, The New Frontier*, and *Justice League.*

Teen Anime Club
Thursday, Sept. 24 **6:30-8 p.m.**
Teens are invited to the inaugural meeting of the Teen Anime Club, view a popular new series (rated TV13) and vote on future events. Snacks provided. *Registration is not required.*

Book Buddies
Monday, Sept. 28 **4 p.m.**
Read to discuss *Life After Life* by Kate Atkinson, an inventive novel about Ursula Todd, doomed to die and be reborn over and over again. *Registration is not required.*

Moon Called Book Discussion
Monday, Sept. 28 **6:30 p.m.**
Of Cherokee descent, Jane Yellowrock can turn into any creature she desires and is hired by a vampire to hunt a powerful rogue vampire who is killing fellow undead in *Skinwalker* by Faith Hunter. *Registration is not required.*

Highland Branch

2841 Jewett St., Highland, IN 46322
838-2394
www.lcplin.org/branches/hi.htm

Thursday Night Hero Throw-down
Thursday, Sept. 3 **6 p.m.**
Can Percy Jackson take Harry Potter, Batman beat Twilight Sparkle, or Rock smack-down on Sonic? Teens are invited to see who comes out on top! *Registration is not required.*

Fiction Book Discussion
Tuesday, Sept. 8 **2 p.m.**
Eleanor & Park by Rainbow Rowell is the story of star-crossed misfits – smart enough to know that first love almost never lasts, but desperate enough to try. *Registration is not required.*

Teen Anime Club
Tuesday, Sept. 8 **6 p.m.**
Teens will watch an episode or two of Rin-ne while munching snacks. *Registration is not required.*

Teen Book Discussion
Wednesday, Sept. 9 **3:45 p.m.**
The Call of the Wild by Jack London is the story of a dog abducted from his home and thrust into the merciless world of the Arctic north. *Registration is not required.*

Highland Crime Watch Meeting
Wednesday, Sept. 9 **6:30 p.m.**
Highland Community's Crime Watch is hosted by Corporal Shawn Anderson (sanderson@highland.in.gov) and Officer Brandon Norris (bnorris@highland.in.gov). *Registration is not required.*

Effective Communication Strategies
Tuesday, Sept. 15 **1:30 p.m.**
The Alzheimer's Association of Greater Indiana offers this free program to explore the changes in communication that occurs through the course of the disease. *Registration is not required.*

Teen Advisory Board
Wednesday, Sept. 16 **3:45 p.m.**
Snacks will be served and plans will be made by teens for upcoming projects. *Registration is not required.*

Stamp Camp
Wednesday, Sept. 16 **6:30 p.m.**
With professional assistance adults will design customized greeting cards and more. There is a $5 fee due at the time of class.

Inspirational Book Discussion
Thursday, Sept. 17 **2 p.m.**
Author Kristy Cambron weaves together multiple plot lines, time lines, and perspectives to produce a poignant tale in her first historical novel *The Butterfly and the Violin. Registration is not required.*

Gardening Class
Thursday, Sept. 17 **6:30 p.m.**
Master Gardener Victoria Jostes offers a class on getting seeds ready for planting in the winter. *Registration is not required.*

Travel Film
Monday, Sept. 21 **2 or 6:30 p.m.**
Take a virtual tour of Costa del Sol, a land full of history with a magical atmosphere. *Registration is not required.*

Teen Card Games MASHUP
Wednesday, Sept. 23 **3:45 p.m.**
Bring your cards and match your wits (and decks) against other gamers. We will also learn how to play Munchkin. *Registration is not required.*

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Branch Library Happenings

Ask Me! Employment Resources
Thursday, Sept. 24 — 2 p.m.
Librarians are prepared to help job-seekers one-on-one in this walk-in session: help researching jobs, organizing a resume, introduce online job searching, create free email accounts, upload resume and answer specific job questions.

Once Upon A Crime
Thursday, Sept. 24 — 7 p.m.
Dual story lines crisscross and the body count mounts in the suspenseful plot of the murder mystery *Remains of Innocence* by Judith Jance. *Registration is not required.*

Classic Feature Film
Monday, Sept. 28 — 2 or 6 p.m.
Father Goose is a hilarious battle of the sexes between a messy American beachcomber, a prim Mademoiselle, and seven mischievous little girls during World War II. Not rated; run time 115 minutes. *Registration is not required.*

Hobart Branch
100 N. Main St., Hobart, IN 46342
942-2243
www.lcplin.org/branches/ho.htm

All events are tentative should the construction on Main Street prevent accessibility to the library's facility.

Travel to California
Tuesday, Sept. 1 — 2 p.m.
The Golden State is the most diverse and extreme of the American states. Visitors will find much to see and do in this land of superlatives.

Book to Movie Matinee
Tuesday, Sept. 8 — 2 p.m.
Pride and Prejudice transports viewers to Georgian England, where affairs of the heart are an exquisite game, and marriage the ultimate prize. Rated PG; run time 127 minutes.

Computer Class: Getting Started with Pinterest Saturday, Sept. 12 — 10 a.m.
Learn all about Pinterest, a pin-board-style photo sharing website that allows users to create theme-based image collections for interests and hobbies.

Contemporary Book Club
Tuesday, Sept. 15 — 10:30 a.m.
The Rosie Project by Guaeme Simsion is the story of a professor of genetics who sets up a project designed to find him the perfect wife. Then he meets Rosie!

Teen Advisory Board Meeting
Tuesday, Sept. 15 — 4 p.m.
Teens and 'tweens (12 and older) are invited to join the board to plan future events, talk about books, and earn volunteer hours.

Ask Me! Employment Resources
Wednesday, Sept. 16 — 3 p.m.
Librarians are prepared to help job-seekers one-on-one in this walk-in session: help researching jobs, organizing a resume, introduce online job searching, create free email accounts, upload resume and answer specific job questions.

***Lost Gary* with Jerry Davich**
Thursday, Sept. 17 — 2 p.m.
Join Post-Tribune Metro Columnist Jerry Davich for an interesting and informative presentation highlighting his newspaper columns, freelance magazine stories, radio show and new book, *Lost Gary*. *Registration is not required.*

Lake Station-New Chicago
2007 Central Avenue, Lake Station, IN 46405
962-2409
www.lcplin.org/branches/lsnc.htm

Computer Class – Job Seeker Assistance
Tuesday, Sept. 1 — 2 p.m.
Learn tips and tricks to filling out an online job application and how to attach a resume.

Book Chat
Thursday, Sept. 3 — 10:30 a.m.
The Kitchen House by Kathleen Grissom is a tragic yet suspenseful story that explores the meaning of family where loyalties are brought into question, dangerous truths laid bare, and lives put at risk.

Teen Council
Tuesday, Sept. 8 — 5 p.m.
Area teens are invited to join the newly established Teen Council. Refreshments served.

Coffee, Donuts & a Movie
Wednesday, Sept. 9 — 10:30 a.m.
A wealthy woman's ex-husband and a tabloid reporter turn up just before her planned remarriage in *Philadelphia Story* starring Katherine Hepburn, Cary Grant and James Stewart. Not rated, run time 113 minutes. *Registration is not required.*

Movie Wednesday
Wednesday, Sept. 9 — 2 p.m.
An all star cast (including Lloyd Bridges, Leslie Nielson and Robert Stack) takes over a commercial jet's cockpit to land the plane. *Airplane* is rated PG, run time 88 minutes. *Registration is not required.*

Life Hacks
Thursday, Sept. 10 — 6 p.m.
Tips to make life easier, more efficient, and more organized will be shared. *Registration appreciated though not required.*

Family Nutrition Class
Friday, Sept. 11 — 11:30 a.m.
Belinda Stepnowski, Purdue Family Nutrition Adviser, will show participants how to prepare quick, tasty and healthy low-cost foods.

Saturday Matinee
Saturday, Sept.12 — 1:30 p.m.
Insurgent (Divergent Series) tells the story of Tris and Four on the run and trying to figure out the secret that will help the rebels build a new future. Rated PG 13, run time 119 minutes. *Registration is not required.*

English as a Second Language
Mon. & Wed., Sept 21 to 30 — 5 to 8 p.m.
Neighbors Educational Opportunities offers English language classes free of charge after a one-time fee of $20 for materials. Call 219-850-4448 or visit www.neoadulted.org to register.

Registration required for all programs by phone or online except where noted.

Teen Gaming
Tuesday, Sept. 22 6 p.m.
Teens can play video games on the *Wii* and *PlayStation*, as well as enjoy board games. Snacks provided. *Registration is not required.*

Merrillville Branch

1919 W. 81st Ave., Merrillville, IN 46410
769-3541
www.lcplin.org/branches/cnl.htm

Preview Purdue University, Lafayette
Tuesday, Sept. 1 5:30 p.m.
Purdue University Office of Admissions provides parents and potential students about various majors, campus life, student housing, and the application and admission process. Ext. 212

Ask Me: Employment Resources
Wednesday, Sept. 3 10 a.m.
Librarians are prepared to help job-seekers one-on-one in this walk-in session: help researching jobs, organizing a resume, introduce online job searching, create free email accounts, upload resume and answer specific job questions. Ext. 340

Teen Archaeology Class
Saturday, Sept. 5 11 a.m.
Valparaiso University's Professor Mark Farmer will introduce teens to Greek, Roman, and underwater archaeology. Ext. 334

Teen Archaeology Film
Saturday, Sept. 5 12:30 p.m.
Archaeologist and adventurer Indiana Jones (Harrison Ford) sets out on a quest to find the Ark of the Covenant. *Raiders of the Lost Ark* is rated PG; run time 115 minutes. Ext. 334

ICE: A New Approach to Parenting Workshop
Tuesday, Sept. 8 6 p.m.
This workshop taught by Strategies For Care is designed to increase positive family values and positive service delivery among organizations that service families. Ext. 335

English As a Second Language
Mon. & Wed., Sept 9 to Nov. 11 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.
Instruction provided free of charge for English classes that include include speaking, reading and writing at different levels. Ext. 336

Circle of Readers Book Discussion
Thursday, Sept. 10 6:15 p.m.
Readers are confronted by hard questions way beyond a "whodunit" in this murder mystery, *The Last Policeman* by Ben H. Winters. Ext. 212 *Registration is not required.*

Parent & Home School Educators Open House
Monday, Sept. 14 1 p.m.
Numerous resources are offered for parents, students, and home school educators. This introductory course highlights online resources and classes offered by our Youth Services staff. Ext. 212

Comedians of World War II
Wednesday, Sept. 16 1:30 p.m.
In the dark days of World War II, spirits were brightened by a flush of comedy. This program by Dr. Jon Ban features comedians Jack Benny, Red Skelton, Victor Borge, Jimmy Durante and more with videos of their many performances. Ext. 338

Teen Anime Club
Sept. 15 6-8 p.m.
Teens (13 to 18) are invited to view the first three episodes of *Puella Magi Madoka Magica*. Snacks will be provided. Ext. 334 *Registration is not required.*

Books to Bridge the Region Meeting
Friday, Sept. 18 9:15 a.m.
The Books to Bridge the Region committee will discuss the books and event options for the 2015 reading initiative in October. Anyone in 'the region' communities is welcome to the table. Ext. 315

Introduction to Alzheimer's Disease
Friday, Sept. 18 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Join this free informational and interactive session that focuses on understanding the disease process of progressive dementia. A light lunch is provided at 11:30am, followed by discussion for advanced strategies. Call 1-888-303-0180 to register.

NWI Genealogical Society Meeting
Saturday, Sept. 19 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Guest speaker Lynn Jackson, will provide an overview of the resources available at the Merrillville branch to help researchers with their family history. Ext. 336

Ask Me! I Work Here!
Monday, Sept. 21 & 28 2-4 p.m.
Library staff are available in the cafe vending area to answer questions about library materials that should work on your computer or portable device. Ext. 212 *Registration is not required.*

What Happens to Your Genealogical Collection When You're Gone
Friday, Sept. 25 1 p.m.
Indiana's state appointed Lake County Genealogist answers the question 'Who will take over your genealogical collection when you are gone?' Ext. 336

A Jazz Age Murder in Northwest Indiana
Saturday, Sept. 26 11 a.m.
Author Jane Ammeson will discuss her latest publication based on the events surrounding the wealthy widow Nettie Herskovitz and her dashing, bootlegger suitor Harry Diamond in this roaring 20s story of roadhouse floozies, illegal booze, orphaned children, trust funds, and legal acrobats. Ext. 212

Movie Time
Saturday, Sept. 26 1 p.m.
Blake Lively and Harrison Ford star in this stirring romantic drama about a 29-year-old woman who has stopped aging - and the timeless power of love in *The Age of Adaline*. Rated PG 13, run time 113 minutes. Ext. 338

Munster Branch

8701 Calumet Ave., Munster, IN 46321
836-8450
www.lcplin.org/branches/mu.htm

Caring for Plants: In Sickness & In Health
Tuesday, Sept. 1 10:30 a.m.
Nikky Witkowski, Purdue Extension Educator, will provide information on common landscape problems involving insects and disease. An outdoor tour of the library and surrounding area will follow.

Computer Class: Meet the Mouse
Tuesday, Sept. 8 10:30 a.m.
Adults will learn the basics of using a computer, particularly how to navigate with the mouse.

Independent Film
Tuesday, Sept. 8 2 or 6:30 p.m.
Marion Bridge speaks volumes about sibling and parental relationships with a beautifully realized tale of loss, healing, and humor. Not rated; adults only; run time 93 minutes.

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Branch Library Happenings

Downloading eBooks
Wednesday, Sept. 9 — 2 p.m.
or Wednesday, Sept. 30 — 6:30 p.m.
Adults will learn how to download eBooks from the library. Bring your eReader or other mobile device.

Fall Gardening Class
Wednesday, Sept. 9 — 6:30 p.m.
Master Gardener Stacey Haskins describes the many things to do before the snow falls to get ready for a better garden in the spring.

Beyond Great Books
Wednesday, Sept. 9 — 7 p.m.
Join a discussion on selections from On the *Genealogy of Morals* by Friedrich Nietzsche.

Classic Film
Monday, Sept. 14 — 2 p.m.
It's a race against time to get away with the perfect crime. *Double Indemnity* stars Barbara Stanwyck, Fred MacMurray and Edward G. Robinson. Not rated; run time 108 minutes.

Explore Africa
Thursday, Sept. 17 — 2 or 7 p.m.
View the dark continent with all the fascinating colors of the rainbow.

Pinterest 101
Monday, Sept. 21 — 6:30 p.m.
Adults will learn how to create a Pinterest account, create boards, and pin items.

Computer Class: Navigating the Net
Tuesday, Sept. 22 — 2 p.m.
Adults will learn how to search for information on the Internet.

Blood Pressure Screening
Thursday, Sept. 24 — 10 a.m. to Noon
Medical representatives from Hospice of the Calumet Area provide free blood pressure screenings. *No appointments or registration needed.*

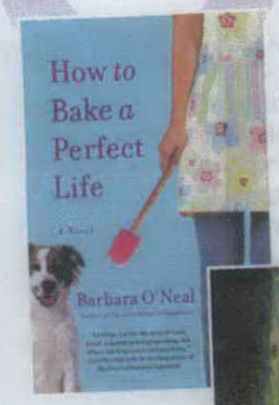
Thursday Afternoon Book Discussion
Thursday, Sept. 24 — 1 p.m.
When the Pie Queen of Ipswitch, PA passes away, she takes with her the secret to her world-famous pie-crust recipe. Or does she? Author Sarah Weeks deftly leavens moments of hilarity with the process of grieving in *Pie*.

Great Books Discussion
Thursday, Sept. 24 — 7 p.m.
Readers are invited to a discourse of *Thus Spoke Zarathustra* by Friedrich Nietzsche, a selection from the fifth series of Great Books.

Downloading Audio-Books
Friday, Sept. 25 — 10:30 a.m.
Adults will learn how to download free audio-books from the library. Bring your electronic device.

Online!

September 1 to 30



BOOKreMARKS Online

This is a month-long, online book discussion available to anyone, anywhere, at any time of day through email of: *How to Bake a Perfect Life* by Barbara O'Neal. This dramatic, emotional story of strong-willed and torn family loyalties, finds professional baker Ramona Gallagher's bakery literally crumbling around her. Then her son-in-law is wounded in Afghanistan, her daughter races to his side, and she is left to care for her 13 year old stepdaughter.

To join the discussion send an email to remarks@lcplin.org.

Online Book Discussion for Teens

Teens can participate in this month-long, online book discussion available at any time of day from anywhere of the novel: *The Maze Runner* by James Dashner! When Thomas wakes up in an elevator and can only remember one thing – his name. He's surrounded by other teen boys whose memories are also gone. The only way out is an ever-changing maze—and no one's ever made it through alive. Everything is going to change: *Remember. Survive. Run!*

To join email teenreads@lcplin.org. Call 219-769-3541 Ext. 335 for more information.

Registration required for all programs by phone or online except where noted.

Downloading Magazines
Friday, Sept. 25 **2 p.m.**
Adults will learn how to download free online magazines from the library. Bring your portable device.

Top Vocalists of the World War II Era
Tuesday, Sept. 29 **1:30 p.m.**
Listen and sing-a-long to the music and movies of Crosby, Garland, Sinatra, Fitzgerald, the Mills Brothers and more in this presentation provided by Professor Emeritus Jon Ban, Indiana University Northwest.

Downloading eBooks
Wednesday, Sept. 30 **6:30 p.m.**
Adults will learn how to download free eBooks from the library. Bring your eReader or other mobile device.

St. John Branch

9450 Wicker Avenue, St. John, IN 46373
365-5379
www.lcplin.org/branches/sj.htm

Travel Film Series
Tuesday, Sept. 1 **2 p.m.**
Explore Yellowstone National Park visiting Mammoth Hot Springs and Old Faithful geyser. Refreshments served.

Sit & Stitch
Wednesdays, Sept. 2 & 16 **6:30 p.m.**
Bring your crochet, knitting, or sewing project and gather with others who have a common thread.

Page Turners Book Club
Wednesday, Sept. 9 **6:30 p.m.**
The Book Thief by Markus Zusak is an extraordinary narrative in which Death himself narrates a World War II-era story of a 9 year old foster child in a tough neighborhood.

Gardening Class
Monday, Sept. 14 **7 p.m.**
Master Gardener Jim Colias presents a program about lawn care and maintenance, co-hosted by the St. John Garden Club.

Teen LEGO Night
Thursday, Sept. 17 **6 p.m.**
Teens (6th to 12th grade) will have fun building LEGO structures. Snacks provided.

Stamp Camp
Monday, Sept. 21 **6:30 p.m.**
Express your creativity with rubber stamps and decorative paper. There is a $5 fee due at the time of class.

Classic Film Series
Thursday, Sept. 24 **1 p.m.**
A young man is shocked when he learns his aunts serve men arsenic laden elderberry wine. *Arsenic and Old Lace* stars Cary Grant; not rated; run time 118 minutes.

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A: From the library's home page (lcplin.org) go to the "Search the catalog" box on the upper right. Type in the keywords: fly and mansfield. You should get several collections of short stories which include "The Fly".

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Merrillville, IN 46410

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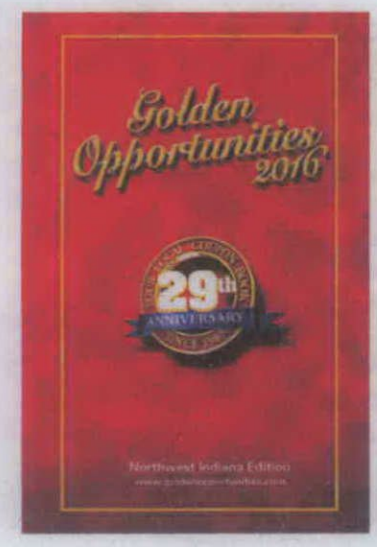

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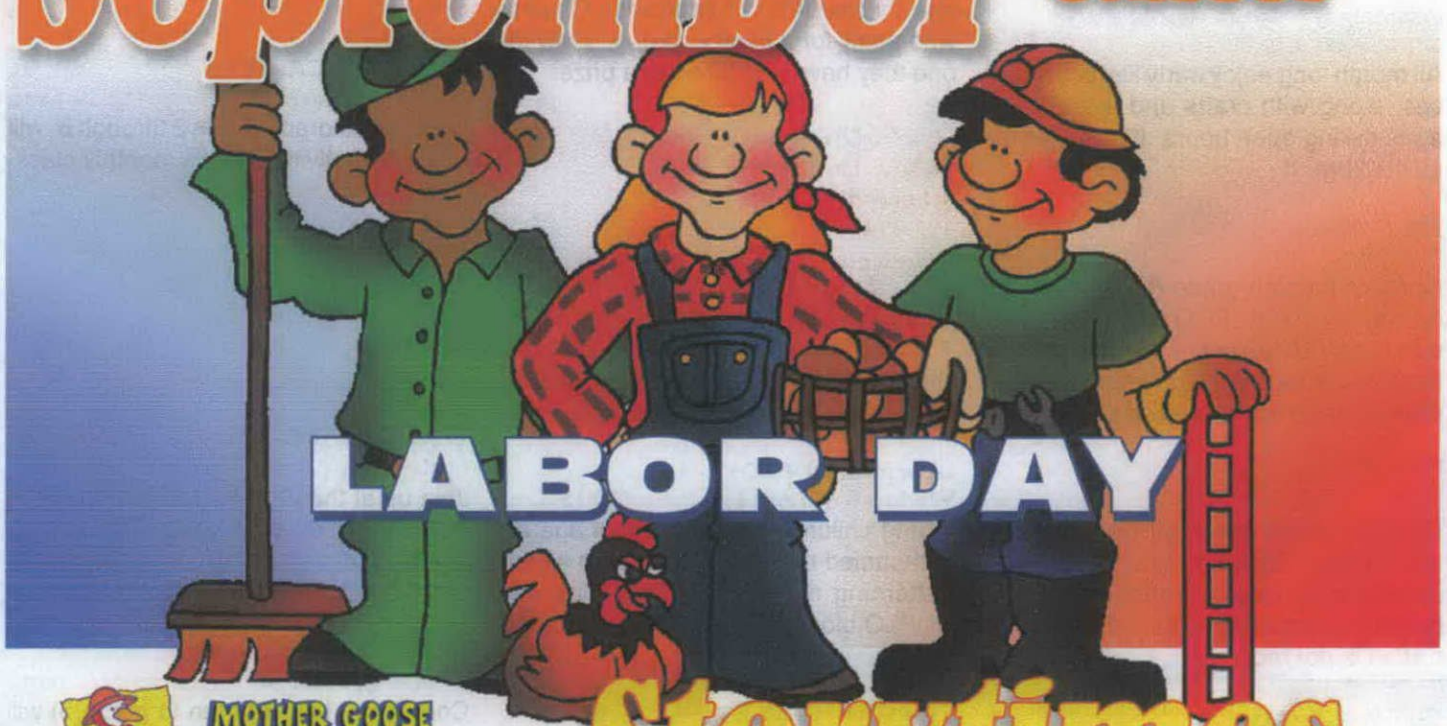
The Library's Mission: The purpose of the Lake County Public Library is to provide the highest quality informational, educational, cultural, and recreational resources and services to residents of all ages in the Lake County Public Library district.

September Children's Classes



MOTHER GOOSE ON THE LOOSE!

Storytimes

Birth-23 mo.
and a caregiver

This 30 minute lapsit program uses songs, rhymes, and finger plays to encourage interaction and foster language development and motor skills.

Cedar Lake Branch:
1st & 3rd Friday 10:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m.

Dyer-Schererville Branch
2nd & 3rd Monday 10:30 a.m.
or 3rd & 4th Tuesday 10:30 a.m.

Griffith-Calumet Twp. Branch
2nd & 4th Wednesday 10:30 a.m.

Highland Branch:
1st & 3rd Tuesday 6:30 a.m.
1st & 3rd Wednesday 10:30 a.m.

Hobart Branch
1st & 4th Wednesday 10:30 a.m.

Merrillville Branch
3rd Monday 10 a.m.

Munster Branch
1st, 3rd & 5th Wednesday 10:30 a.m.

St. John Branch:
2nd & 4th Thursday 10:15 a.m.

2-3 Year Olds

This 45 minute program is filled with stories, songs, and finger plays, and a craft.

(Caregivers must be present during program.)

Cedar Lake Branch:
2nd & 4th Thursday 10:30 a.m.

Dyer-Schererville Branch
3rd & 4th Wed. 10:15 a.m., 11:15 a.m.

Griffith-Calumet Twp. Branch
1st & 3rd Wednesday 10:30 a.m.

Highland Branch:
2nd & 4th Monday 10:30 a.m.

Hobart Branch
3rd & 5th Monday 10:30 a.m.
4th Friday 10:30 a.m.

Merrillville Branch
2nd & 4th Tuesday 10 a.m.

Munster Branch
2nd & 4th Mon. 10:30 a.m. & 1:30 p.m.

St. John Branch:
1st & 3rd Tues. 10:15 a.m., 11:15 a.m.

4-5 Year Olds

This hour program is filled with stories, songs, finger plays, and a craft.

Cedar Lake Branch:
1st & 3rd Tuesday 10:30 a.m., 1 p.m.

Dyer-Schererville Branch
2nd & 3rd Monday 1:30 p.m.
or 3rd & 4th Tuesday 1:30 p.m.

Griffith-Calumet Twp Branch
1st & 3rd Tuesday 1:00 p.m.

Highland Branch:
2nd & 4th Wednesday 10:30 a.m.

Hobart Branch
2nd & 4th Monday 10:30 a.m.

Lake Station-New Chicago
2nd Friday 10:30 a.m.
3rd Tuesday 10:30 a.m.
4th Wednesday 6 p.m.

Merrillville Branch
2nd & 4th Tuesday 11 a.m.

Munster Branch
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2nd & 4th Friday 10:30 a.m.

Cedar Lake Branch

10010 W. 133rd Avenue
Cedar Lake, IN 46303
374-7121
www.lcplin.org/branches/cl.htm

Learning & More @ Your Library
September 1 to 30 — All Day
All month long enjoy early literacy activities, along with crafts and more for all ages during open hours. It's always fun @ the library!

LEGO Mania
Thursday, Sept. 3 — 4:30 p.m.
Children through grade 6 will make and display their own LEGO structures made with library LEGO bricks. All supplies and snacks will be provided. Preschool children must be accompanied by an adult.

STEAM Fridays
Fridays, Sept. 4 to 25 — All Day
Children of all ages will use Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math as they enjoy experimenting, designing, building, computing and crafting. *Registration is not required.*

Cool Kids Fun Day
Tuesday, Sept. 8 — All Day
Children will celebrate national Family Literacy day with pictures, crafts, and scavenger hunts for prizes. Children who apply for a library card, or show the one they have, will also win a prize. Put your Nose in a Book, Indiana – it's National Library Card Sign-up Month! *Registration is not required.*

Cool Kids Crafting
Saturday, Sept. 12 — 10 a.m. To Noon
Children of all ages will create cool artwork, make crafts, and participate in a science experiment to celebrate National Library Card Sign-Up Month and Cool Kids Have a Library Card month. Children who show their library card, or apply for one, will win a prize. *Registration is not required.*

Play Party
Tuesday, Sept. 29 — 10:30 a.m. or 1 p.m.
Children of all ages will hear stories, sing, dance, play, and craft as they have fun learning early literacy skills. All those that show their library card, or apply for one, will win a prize, too.

Cool Kids Community Fun
Wednesday, Sept. 30 — 2 to 6 p.m.
The Lions Club , PATH (Parents And Teachers, Hanover), and the library are offering vision and hearing screening, early learning tips and fun crafts to preschool age children (4 and 5 year olds). Children who apply for a library card, or show the one they have, will also win a prize.

Dyer-Schererville Branch

1001 W. Lincoln Highway
Schererville, IN 46375
322-4731
www.lcplin.org/branches/ds.htm

Kids Art Club
Tuesday, Sept. 1 — 4:30 p.m.
Children, 7 to 12 years of age, will learn how to draw and paint in this monthly class.

Dynamite DUPLOs
Wednesday, Sept. 2 — 10:15 a.m.
Young children, 2 to 5 years of age accompanied by a caregiver, learn simple patterning and building activities with DUPLO blocks.

LEGO Club
Thursday, Sept. 3 — 6:30 p.m.
Children, kindergarten to grade 6, use their creativity to build unique projects with the library's LEGO bricks.

Power Paws for Kids
Saturday, Sept. 19 — 11 a.m.
Children of all ages will have the opportunity to read a library book to one of the registered Delta Society Pet Partner dogs (accompanied by their trainers). *Registration is not required.*

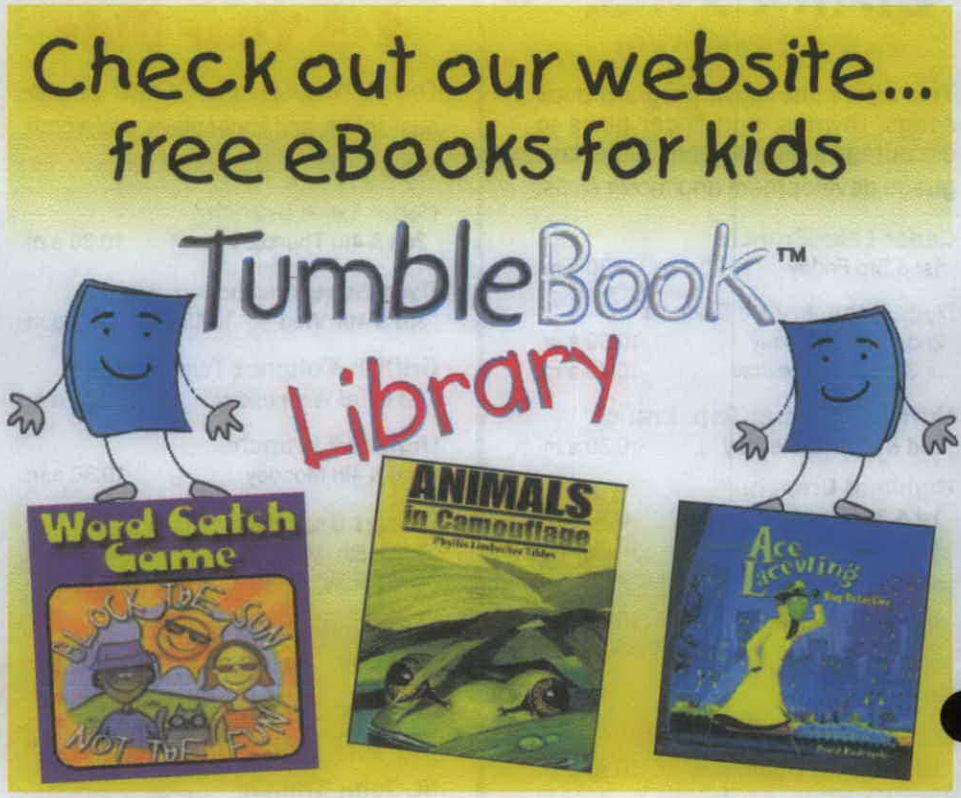
Home School Art Club
Wednesday, Sept. 30 — 10:30 a.m.
Children, in grade levels 2 through 6, will enjoy art activities in this monthly class. *Registration is not required.*

Griffith-Calumet Branch

1215 E. 45th Avenue
Griffith, IN 46319
838-2825
www.lcplin.org/branches/gr.htm

Story Time at the Market
Fridays, Sept. & 18 — 4-6 p.m.
Join us at the Griffith Central Market in the Griffith Central Park with stories, songs, and crafts for children of all ages.

Cool Kids In Neverland
Thursday, Sept. 10 — 5:30 p.m.
Cook Kids (kindergarten to grade 5) will hear all about pirates, mermaids, lost boys, and Peter Pan. They will play games, make a craft, and have a pirate snack.



Home School Kids' Fiesta
Friday, Sept. 18 **10 a.m.**
Home schooled kids will play games, make a craft, & learn about Hispanic heritage.

LEGO Mania
Monday, Sept. 21 **4 p.m.**
Children in kindergarten through grade 5 will build with the library's LEGO blocks.

Hispanic Heritage Celebration
Tuesday, Sept. 29 **6 p.m.**
Children of all ages are invited to a celebration of Hispanic Heritage with a performance by Ballet Folklorico Taptio of NWI, a traditional Mexican folk dance troupe.

Highland Branch

2841 Jewett Street
Highland, IN 46322
838-2394
www.lcplin.org/branches/hi.htm

Cool Kids Have A Library Card Craft
Sept. 1 to 30 **All Day**
During Cool Kids Have a Library Card month a special craft will be available. Supplies provided at the Reference desk.

Family Story Hour
Tuesday, Sept. 8 & 22 **6:30 p.m.**
Families with children 3 to 6 years of age will enjoy stories, fingerplays, music, and a craft.

LEGO Club
Wednesday, Sept. 9 **3:30 p.m.**
School age children (completed kindergarten to grade 6) will free build with library LEGO blocks or build the 'challenge' project. Parents of children 2nd grade and younger should plan to stay with their child.

Cool Kids Family LEGO
Saturday, Sept. 26 **2 p.m.**
Cool kids have a library card and that's their ticket to build fabulous LEGO structures with all members of the family.

Hobart Branch

100 Main Street
Hobart, IN 46342
942-2243
www.lcplin.org/branches/ho.htm

All events are tentative should the construction on Main Street prevent accessibility to the library's facility.

LEGO Night
Tuesday, Sept. 1 **6 p.m.**
Children in kindergarten to grade 6 will use their imagination to create structures using LEGO Bricks.

'Tweens Are Cool Kids
Tuesday, Sept. 15 **6 p.m.**
'Tweens, 9 to 12 years of age, will play Scrabble and discuss ideas for future programs.

Cool Kids Have A Library Card
Tuesday, Sept. 22 **6 p.m.**
Children in kindergarten to grade 6 will play board games and hear a story about libraries.

Lake Station-New Chicago Branch

2007 Central Avenue
Lake Station, IN 46405
962-2409
www.lcplin.org/branches/lsnc.htm

Cool Kids Have A Library Card
Sept. 1 to 30
Children of all ages who show their library card will receive a sticker, a prize and be entered into our Cool Kids drawing for a gift card.

Evening Pajama Movie
Thursday, Sept. 3 **6 p.m.**
Alexander begins to wonder if bad things only happen to him, his mom, dad, brother and sister in *Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day.* Rated PG; run time 81 minutes.

Cool Kids Have A Library Card Celebration
Wednesday, Sept. 9 **6 p.m.**
School age children, kindergarten and up) will join in a celebration of Cool Kids month.

Super 'Tweens Rainbow Jewelry!
Wednesday, Sept. 16 **6 p.m.**
'Tweens, 9 to 13 years of age, will make rainbow loom jewelry. Refreshments served.

It's LEGO Night
Thursday, Sept. 24 **6 p.m.**
School age children, kindergarten and up, will make their own LEGO structures. Refreshments served.

Merrillville Branch

1919 W. 81st Avenue
Merrillville, IN 46410
769-3541, Ext. 360
www.lcplin.org/branches/cnl.htm

Craft Table for Children
Sept. 1 to 30 **All Day**
Children of all ages are welcome to make a craft in the Children's Department during library open hours.

Board Game Fun
Wednesday, Sept. 2 **6 p.m.**
School age children, kindergarten to grade 5, meet to play fun board games. Family members are welcome to join in!

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ScienceFlix *Learning and Research Center*

Learn about any topic that interests you, or find the information you need for school projects or to help you run your business. LCPL is pleased to provide databases, newspapers, magazines, and encyclopedias that will help you learn more about any topic. You can browse databases by topic, or by the intended audience.

ScienceFlix is a great way to learn more about different areas of science inside the classroom and at home. Explore units on Earth Science, Technology and Engineering, Space, Biology, and Physics, each complete with articles, videos, quizzes, and experiments.

ScienceFlix is structured using topical units with different reading levels in each resource to make it easier for teachers to teach the whole class, too. Tablet ready, this database contains everything you need to make learning science immersive and fun! Get Started.

LEGO Club
Tuesday, Sept. 8 **4 p.m.**
School age children, kindergarten to grade 5, will have fun making their own unique LEGO structures.

Gaming Night
Wednesday, Sept. 16 **6 p.m.**
Children in kindergarten to grade 5 are invited to play *Wii, PlayStation 2,* and board games. Snacks served.

Cool Kids Have A Library Card
Thursday, Sept. 24 **4 p.m.**
Children of all ages are invited to a Peanuts party to celebrate "Cool Kids Have A Library Card" month. We will read, play games, and make a craft all about our favorite dog and his gang of friends.

Munster Branch
8701 Calumet Avenue
Munster, IN 46321
836-8450
www.lcplin.org/branches/mu.htm

Power Paws For Reading
Thursday, September 3 **6 p.m.**
In this unique program children of all ages are matched with a dog and a volunteer to practice reading aoud. All levels of readers are welcome.

Cool Kids Build LEGOs
Thursday, Sept. 10 **3-7 p.m.**
Young LEGO enthusiasts can stop by any time from 3 to 7 pm for creative building time with other kids.

Cool Kids Mad Hatter Tea
Saturday, Sept. 19 **2 p.m.**
Children ages 6 and older are invited to a "Tea," with iced tea, juice, and cookies. Attendees must dress in their wackiest hat or attire and show their library card. We will read some great tales, make a library card holder and a bookmark, and receive a free book.

If your school is not one of those partnered with Lake County Public Library, tell your administration you're interested! Partnering with the library means that you get a Digital Access Card so you can use library resources right away from any location without ever setting foot in one of our buildings.

Research for Projects and Homework: We have a fine selection of databases for your research needs. English paper coming up? Gotcha covered. Science project? No problem. Anything you need to learn about, you can find it here.

St. John Branch
9450 Wicker Avenue (US 41)
St. John, IN 46373
365-5379
www.lcplin.org/branches/sj.htm

Cool Kids Like Pirates
Thursday, Sept. 3 **4:30 p.m.**
Children, kindergarten to grade 5, will celebrate Talk Like a Pirate day with games, crafts, and other activities. Join us for a swash-buckling good time.

LEGO Free Build
Saturday, Sept. 19 **11 a.m.**
Young LEGO enthusiasts are invited to use their imagination and the library's LEGO blocks as they build unique structures.

Cool Kids Like Paint
Tuesday, Sept. 22 **4:30 p.m.**
Children, kindergarten to grade 5, will create imaginative paintings using marbles, salt, shaving cream, and other fun techniques.

Family Story Time
Wednesday, Sept. 23 **6:30 p.m.**
Children of all ages and their families will participate in stories, crafts, and other activities.

Power Paws for Kids
Saturday, Sept. 26 **11 a.m.**
Children of all ages will enjoy reading to the Power Paws service dogs. All reading levels are welcome.

Geocaching at the Libraries

A compass is helpful when geocaching - or a GPS device. Geocaching is a scavenger hunt-like hobby that takes people to all sorts of interesting locations hunting for treasures (called caches). After hiding the cache, the hider records the longitude and latitude of the location for seekers to use. Seekers use GPS devices to get them as close as possible to the cache and then hunt for it.

Once you find the cache, you sign the logbook contained inside. You might find some cool swag to take with you, too!

The official geocaching site is www.geocaching.com. It's free for anyone to join and to hunt caches all over the world. When you find a cache, you can log on to geocaching.com and leave a message in the online logbook for each cache, too, or share pictures of your adventure searching for the cache. The library's geocaching profile (including all of our hides) can be found here.

Need more info?
Read the official geocaching.com guide.

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Library Happenings

October 2015

'Tis The Season for Fun – Indoors and Out!

It's tough to think about, but 2015 is quickly winding to a close. T-Shirts are transforming into sweatshirts, shorts are sprouting their lower halves and becoming jeans, and, dare I say, coats are beginning to emerge. The comforting green leaves that once sheltered us from the sun as we read under our favorite tree are now transforming into shades of golden yellow, red, and orange, soon to be nothing more than a lifeless pile on our front lawns. But this shouldn't get you down. October is still chalked full with outdoor events, brisk colorful days, and best of all....HALLOWEEN!

This October at the Lake County Public Library promises to be an exciting month filled with Halloween events for all ages. We will be celebrating the holiday with everything from arts and crafts, to story times, lab experiments with candy, and concluding on Halloween day with a pre-trick-or-treat party. Registration may be required for some of the events, so be sure to get your name on the list!

Kicking things off straight away on Monday, October 5th, the Griffith-Calumet Township branch is having a crafts event for grades kindergarten to 5. Don't live near the Griffith-Calumet Township branch, no problem. Many of our other branches will be hosting similar programs for those of you looking to create something festive. Be sure to check inside for the dates and times of the branch nearest to you. This October's version of Lab Rat Tuesday at Dyer-Schererville branch promises to be filled with excitement as experiments are conducted on everyone's favorite sugary treats. Who said Halloween can't be both scary and educational? For all of the Anime lovers out there, on October 20th the Anime club in Merrillville will be extending its time after the movie for a Halloween party. Everyone is encouraged to come dressed up and snacks will be provided! And what would Halloween be without pumpkins? The Munster branch library will be hosting a pumpkin carving (or coloring) event for all ages on October 29th from 5:00 – 8:00 P.M. What better way to get into the Halloween spirit than by creating a truly scary masterpiece to frighten all the trick-or-treaters. Tools will be provided by the library but you must bring your own pumpkin.

Having a party or putting together a haunted house this year? After you carve your pumpkins, be sure to stick around and look through our extensive collection of Halloween costume and party books. These books are a great companion for helping you create, improve, or design a wonderful party theme or costume. If a haunted house is more up your alley, the Lake County Public Library also has a collection of scary sound effect CD's to help complete the experience.

Take a look inside our ***Happenings*** to see the full schedule of events at our 9 branches and act quick so you won't be left out in the cold with the witches and zombies!

Peter Lewis Merrillville Branch Librarian

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Branch Library Happenings

Cedar Lake Branch

10010 E. 133rd Ave., Cedar Lake, IN 46303
374-7121
www.lcplin.org/branches/cl.htm

Snack & Plan
Monday, Oct. 5 **4 p.m.**
Members of the Teen Advisory Board (teens 11 & older) and those wishing to join, will have fun while earning volunteer hours, eating snacks, playing games, and planning programs.

History on the Big Screen
Tuesday, Oct. 13 **2 p.m.**
Travel through history via the library's big screen for a memorable trip to the weird and bizarre in U.S. History.

Gross & Gruesome Creepy Crafts
Tues. & Wed., Oct. 13 & 14 **4 p.m.**
Teens 11 & older will create masks, jack-0-lanterns, creepy snacks & more. All supplies provided.

Teen Marathon Reading Night
Monday. Oct. 19 **3-6 p.m.**
The challenge is 4,000 pages. Drop in, have snacks, and read to beat the challenge to read more than any other Lake County Public Library branch during Teen Read Week.

Books & Chat
Wednesday, Oct. 21 **6:30 p.m.**
Readers will discuss *The Supremes at Earl's All-You-Can-Eat* by Edward Moore. Meet Odette, Clarice, and Barbara Jean, an inseparable Plainview, IN trio.

Sensational Science
Thursday, Oct. 22 **4 p.m.**
Teens, 11 and older, will experiment, plan, build, and compute with sensational (and somewhat gross-for the season) projects.

Travel the World Without Leaving Home
Tuesday, Oct. 27 **6:30 p.m.**
Take an incomparable cruise aboard the legendary Queen Elizabeth II, the last ship of its kind, to some of the most fascinating travel destinations in the world via the library's big screen.

Teen GameFest
Wednesday, Oct. 28 **3-5 p.m.**
Teens 11 and older play electronic games on *PlayStation* or *Wii*. Board games, tournaments, and snacks provided, too.

Dyer-Schererville Branch

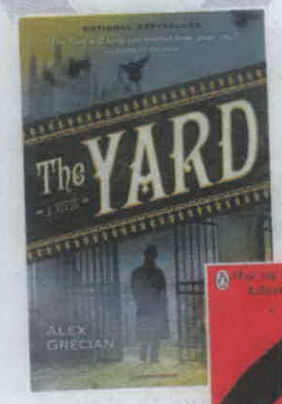
1001 W. Lincoln Hwy., Schererville, IN 46375
322-4731
www.lcplin.org/branches/ds.htm

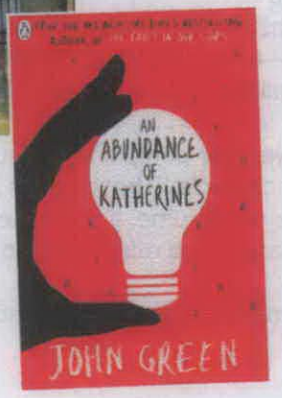
Personalized Reading Suggestions
Oct. 1 to 31 **All Day**
Call to schedule an appointment with a reader's adviser and start building your 'to read' list.

Create an Artful Life: Acrylic Painting
Saturday, Oct. 3 **10 a.m.**
Adults will work with acrylics and canvas on an easel with the assistance of an instructor to create an original piece of art. There is a $15 cash fee due at the time of class to cover all materials provided.

Online!

October 1 to 31





BOOKreMARKS Online

This is a month-long, online book discussion available to anyone, anywhere, at any time of day through email of: ***The Yard*** by Alex Grecian.
Victorian London—a violent cesspool of squalid depravity- has only twelve detectives: The Murder Squad which is expected to solve the thousands of crimes committed there each month. Formed after the Metropolitan Police's spectacular failure in capturing Jack the Ripper, the Murder Squad suffers the brunt of public contempt. But no one can anticipate the brutal murder of one of their own…

To join the discussion send an email to remarks@lcplin.org.

Online Book Discussion for Teens

Teens can participate in this month-long, online book discussion available at any time of day from anywhere of the novel: ***An Abundance of Katherines*** by John Green.
When it comes to relationships, everyone has a type. Colin's type is 'girls named Katherine.' He has dated and been dumped by 19 of them! In the wake of the K-19 debacle, he sets out on a mission to prove a mathematical theorem he hopes will predict the future of any relationship (and conceivably win the girl).

To join email teenreads@lcplin.org. Call 219-769-3541 Ext. 335 for more information.

Registration required for all programs by phone or online except where noted.

Independent Film
Monday, Oct. 5 **1 p.m.**
A lone rider arrives in a small high mountain village; nobody knows where he is from and nobody wants him there. *In The Dark Valley* is in German with English subtitles; not rated; 114 minutes run time.

Italian for Beginners
Thursdays, Oct. 8 & 22 **6:30 p.m.**
The Italian language will be taught with reference to historical and traditional culinary subjects. Students will meet twice a month beginning this month. See the calendar for the complete schedule.

Stamp Class
Tuesday, Oct. 13 **6:30 p.m.**
Participants will work on projects created with decorative paper and rubber stamps. There is a $5 fee to cover the cost of materials due at the time of the class.

Ask Me! Employment Resources
Wednesday, Oct. 14 **3 p.m.**
A librarian will assist with researching jobs, organizing a resume, acquiring a free email account, and applying online. Walk-ins welcome.

Teen Advisory Board
Wednesday, Oct. 14 **6:30 p.m.**
Teens (11 to 17)are invited for an evening of food and fun to celebrate Teen Read Week and prepare for our murder mystery. *Registration not required.*

Why Gatsby Matters Today
Monday, Oct. 19 **6 p.m.**
Author, editor, book designer, and reviewer Whitney Scott provides background on F. Scott Fitzgerald, the Jazz Age, and the themes explored in The *Great Gatsby*.

Murder Mystery for Teens
Tuesday, Oct. 20 **6 p.m.**
A murder in the library? Who's the culprit? Teens (11 to 17) can sign up for an evening of mystery and (slight) terror to solve the riddle and apprehend the murderous fiend.

Teen Reading Marathon
Wednesday, Oct. 21 **3-5 p.m.**
Drop in, have snacks, and read to beat the challenge to read more than any other Lake County Public Library branch during Teen Read Week. *Registration not required, but coming in costume is highly encouraged!*

Virtual Tourist
Wednesday, Oct. 21 **7 p.m.**
Adults are invited to take a virtual tour of Ecuador in this one hour travel film.

Lab Rat Tuesdays – Science with Candy
Tuesday, Oct. 27 **6:30 p.m.**
Teens, 11 to 17, will make candy dance, explode, and fizz for an hour of science power.

Between the Lines
Wednesday, Oct. 28 **7 p.m.**
or Thursday, Oct. 29 **10:15 a.m.**
Author Gillian Flynn creates an untrustworthy world in this story told from alternating points of view. *Gone Girl* is masterfully plotted from start to finish and the suspense doesn't waiver for even one page! *Registration not required.*

Griffith-Calumet Twshp. Branch
1215 E. 45th Ave., Griffith, IN 46319
838-2825
www.lcplin.org/branches/gr.htm

Get Away@Your Library
October 1 to 31 **All Day**
Teens will celebrate Teen Read Week all month long. Check out and read books from our state-themed book display; and teens that collect at least 4 state stamps will earn a prize.

Thursday Threaders
Thurs., Oct. 1 to 29 **10:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.**
Adults are invited to bring and work on their cross-stitch, knitting, crochet or any other craft while enjoying the company of others. *Registration not required.*

T A B Meeting
Thursday, Oct. 1 **3:45 p.m.**
Teens are invited to join the Teen Advisory Board to plan for the newest teen programs and earn volunteer hours. *Registration not required.*

Scrabble Night
Thursday, Oct. 1 **6-8 p.m.**
Folks of all ages are invited to a fun evening of Scrabble – increase your vocabulary while having a great time! *Registration not required.*

Saturday Scrappers
Saturday, Oct. 3 **11 a.m. - 4 p.m.**
Join this scrap book gathering to chat with other like-minded scrap booking friends while working on your own project. *Registration not required.*

Create An Artful Life: Acrylic Painting
Monday, Oct. 5 **6-8 p.m.**
Adults will work with acrylics and canvas on an easel with the assistance of an instructor to create an original piece of art. There is a $15 cash fee due at the time of class to cover all materials provided.

Paper Creations
Tuesday, Oct. 6 **1-3 p.m.**
Design personalized cards and other paper creations created with paper, rubber stamps, and ink. The $5 fee covers the cost of materials and is due at the time of class. Bring adhesive and scissors.

StoryLovers Book Group
Tuesday, Oct. 6 **5:30 p.m.**
or Wednesday, Oct. 7 **10:30 a.m.**
Readers of *The Round House* by Louise Erdich will be transported to the Ojibwe reservation in North Dakota for this story of a boy who seeks justice in the wake of a terrible crime that upends and forever transforms his family. *Registration not required.*

Great Decisions Discussion Group
Tuesdays, Oct. 13 & 27 **6:30 p.m.**
Human trafficking is a multi-billion dollar trade and one of the fastest growing criminal industries. What are the root causes that enable traffickers to exploit millions of victims. *Registration not required.*

Upcycling for Teens and 'Tweens
Saturday, Oct. 17 **1 p.m.**
Teens and 'tweens, in grades 5 to 12, will up cycle maps to create new and cool items to kickoff Teen Read Week. *Registration not required.*

Teen Read Week Reading Marathon
Oct. 19 to 23 **3-5:45 p.m.**
Drop in, have snacks, and read to beat the challenge to read more than any other Lake County Public Library branch during Teen Read Week. *Registration not required.*

Mystery Loves Co. Discussion
Monday, Oct. 19 **1 p.m.**
Guilt by Jonathan Kellerman is a solid, poignant tale of violence against the innocent backtracking six decades into the past as this mystery unexpectedly twists in the direction of the highest echelons of celebrity privilege. *Registration not required.*

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Branch Library Happenings

Blood Pressure Screening
Tuesday, Oct. 20 **10 a.m.**
Free blood pressure screenings are offered by Home Care Services of Northwest Indiana. *Registration not required.*

Movie Wednesday
Wednesday, Oct. 21 **2 p.m.**
Inspired by the 1987 true story, *McFarland USA* (starring Kevin Costner) follows novice runners from a predominantly Latino high school as they overcome the odds to forge a championship team. Rated PG; run time 129 minutes. *Registration not required.*

Graphic Novel Book Club
Thursday, Oct. 22 **5:30 p.m.**
Teen fans of graphic novels are welcome to join us as we discuss *NightSchool: The Weirn Books* by Svetlana Chmakova where vampires, werewolves, and weirns learn everything from calculus to spell casting. *Registration not required.*

Teen Anime Club
Thursday, Oct. 22 **6:30 p.m.**
Snacks provided for teen fans of Anime or Manga as they view *Sword Art Online*, a virtual reality game that is inescapable unless all levels are cleared. *Registration not required.*

Book Buddies
Monday, Oct. 26 **4 p.m.**
Read to discuss *A Man Called Ove* by Fredrick Backman. Ove is a curmudgeon with a short fuse, but when a family with two chatty young daughters move next door this leads to a comical and heartwarming tale. *Registration not required.*

Moon Called Book Discussion
Monday, Oct. 26 **6:30 p.m.**
Dirty Magic by Jaye Wells is a fresh, magical world full of potion junkies and alchemists that breaks new ground in paranormal thrillers for readers who enjoy urban & horror fantasy, or paranormal fiction & romance. *Registration not required.*

Time to Travel Film
Wednesday, Oct. 28 **2 p.m.**
Transylvania boasts beautiful landscapes with mountaintops crowned by castle ruins, steep twisting rivers, giant woodlands, and caves in the snowcapped alps. *Registration not required.*

Ask Me! Employment Resources
Thursday, Oct. 29 **1 p.m.**
Librarians are prepared to help at this one-on-one, walk-in session to research jobs, organize a resume, sign-up for a free email account, and answer your specific job questions. *Registration not required.*

Highland Branch

2841 Jewett St., Highland, IN 46322
838-2394
www.lcplin.org/branches/hi.htm

History On Film
Monday, Oct. 5 **2 p.m. & 6:30 p.m.**
His explorations opened up the New World to Europe, but the explorer died a broken man, penniless and disgraced. Follow his travels and travails in *Christopher Columbus,Explorer of the New World*. *Registration not required.*

Teen Book Discussion
Wednesday, Oct. 7 **3:45 p.m.**
In *Sandry's Book* by Tamora Pierce, the first book of the *Circle of Magic* series, four misfits are taught how to use their unusual power. *Registration not required.*

Hispanic Heritage Month
Thursday, Oct. 8 **5 p.m.**
The theme this year is *Honoring Our Heritage: Building Our Future*. Join this free cultural workshop on our neighbors from Puerto Rico and Mexico. *Registration not required.*

Fiction Book Discussion
Tuesday, Oct. 13 **2 p.m.**
When his most prized possession is stolen, a bookstore owner begins isolating himself from everyone, until a mysterious package appears. Read to discuss *The Stories Life of A. J. Fikry* by Gabrielle Zevin. *Registration not required.*

Teen Anime Club
Tuesday, Oct. 13 **6 p.m.**
Teen fans (11 to 18) of Anime will watch episodes of *Cardfight!! Vanguard* while enjoying snacks. *Registration not required.*

Inspirational Book Discussion
Thursday, Oct. 15 **2 p.m.**
Read to discuss *A Fall of Marigolds* by Susan Meissner. A scarf passed down through the generations connects two women who learn that the weight of the world is made bearable by the love we give away. *Registration not required.*

Travel Film
Monday, Oct. 19 **2 & 6:30 p.m.**
This visual journey to The Caribbean takes viewers to Miami's Art Deco District, Ernest Hemingway's house in Key West, the pirate museum in the Bahamas, the Jamaican culture, and more. *Registration not required.*

Teen Read Week Reading Marathon
Tuesday, Oct. 20 **5-8 p.m.**
Help Highland read more pages than any other Lake County Public Library branch during Teen Read Week! Drop in any time from 5 to 8 pm. *Registration not required.*

Teen Advisory Board
Wednesday, Oct. 21 **3:45 p.m.**
Snacks will be served and plans will be made for upcoming projects. Bring your ideas and be prepared for a fun time. *Registration not required.*

Stamp Camp
Wednesday, Oct. 21 **6:30 p.m.**
With professional assistance, participants will design and complete customized greeting cards and more. There is a $5 fee to cover the cost of materials provided, due at the time of class.

Once Upon A Crime
Thursday, Oct. 22 **7 p.m.**
With the expected arrival of the U.S. President to a United Nations meeting, Grand Central Station may be hiding more than just an underground train system. Read to discuss *Terminal City* by Linda Fairstein. *Registration not required.*

Registration required for all programs by phone or online except where noted.

Classic/Feature Film
Monday, Oct. 26 **2 & 6 p.m.**
Three sailors look for fun and romance before their 24 hour shore leave is up. *On the Town* stars Gene Kelly, Frank Sinatra, Betty Garrett, and Ann Miller. Not rated; run time 98 minutes. *Registration not required.*

Teen Card Games *Mashup*
Thursday, October 29 **6 p.m.**
Teens (11 to 18) are invited to bring their cards and match their wits (and decks) against other "gamers." We will also learn how to play games like *Munchkin*. *Registration not required.*

Hobart Branch
100 N. Main St., Hobart, IN 46342
942-2243
www.lcplin.org/branches/ho.htm

Travel to Las Vegas
Tuesday, Oct. 6 **2 p.m.**
Discover the story of Las Vegas from its dusty cow town origins, to mob mecca, to its modern renaissance as a family-style fantasy-land.

Book to Movie Matinee
Tuesday, Oct. 13 **2 p.m.**
A homeless African-American teenager is taken in by a well-to-do white family, learns to live in his new environment, and eventually becomes an All-American offensive left tackle. *The Blindside* is rated PG 13, run time 128 minutes. Registration not required.

Teen Advisory Board Meeting
Tuesday, Oct. 13 **4 p.m.**
Teens and 'tweens (12 and up) will plan future programs, talk about books they've read, and earn volunteer hours. Snacks served.

Teen Read Week Get Away @ Your Library
Mon. to Sat., Oct. 19 to 24 **All Day**
Teens are asked to stop in, fill out slips to show what they are reading and be entered into a drawing for a teen book of choice.

Contemporary Book Club
Tuesday, Oct. 20 **10:30 a.m.**
Mary Mallon was a talented chef, sought after by New York aristocracy, until a determined 'medical engineer' noticed that she left a trail of disease wherever she cooked. Read to discuss *Fever* by Mary Beth Keane.

Lake Station-New Chicago
2007 Central Avenue, Lake Station, IN 46405
962-2409
www.lcplin.org/branches/lsnc.htm

Book Chat
Thursday, Oct. 1 **10:30 a.m.**
Check out the book *The Supremes at Earl's All-You-Can-Eat* by E. K. Moore – read it – have an opinion – eat snacks!

English as a Second Language
Mon. & Wed., Oct. 5 to 28 **5-8 p.m.**
Neighbors Educational Opportunities will offer English language classes free of charge with just a $20 fee to cover the cost of materials. To register call (219) 850-4448 or visit www.neoadulted.org.

Explore Your Digital Access Card
Tuesday, Oct. 6 **6 p.m.**
High school students can join us to learn about online library resources to help with schoolwork. Bring your electronic device to practice.

Family Nutrition Class
Friday, Oct. 9 **11 a.m. To 1 p.m.**
Family Nutrition Adviser Belinda Stepnowski from Purdue will discuss a variety of food and nutrition topics, while demonstrating how to prepare quick, tasty, and healthy low-cost foods.

Teen Council
Tuesday, Oct. 13 **5 p.m.**
Teens are invited to the Teen Council to help plan teen programs. *Registration not required.*

Coffee, Donuts & a Movie
Wednesday, Oct. 14 **10:30 a.m.**
Alfred Hitchcock's *Strangers on a Trail* will be presented on the library's cinematic screen. Refreshments served. *Registration not required.*

Movie Wednesday
Wednesday, Oct. 14 **2 p.m.**
A young family is terrorized by friendly turned nasty ghosts that kidnap the youngest child. *Poltergeist* is rated PG; run time 115 minutes. Refreshments served. *Registration not required.*

Ask Me! Employment Resources
Monday, Oct. 19 **10:30 a.m.**
Librarians are prepared to hel at this one-on-one, walk-in session: research jobs, organize a resume, sign up for free email accounts, introduce online job searching, upload a resume, and answer your specific job questions.

Teen Gaming
Tuesday, Oct. 20 **6 p.m.**
Teens will play video games on Wii and PlayStation, as well as board games. Snacks provided. *Registration not required.*

Choose Your Own Anime Party
Friday, Oct. 23 **1-3 p.m.**
Teens will choose their own Anime selection while munching on snacks. *Registration not required.*

Merrillville Branch
1919 W. 81st Ave., Merrillville, IN 46410
769-3541
www.lcplin.org/branches/cnl.htm

What is a Digital Access Card
Monday, Oct. 5 **6:30 p.m.**
An informational program for parents and educators on how to use their child's Digital Access Card covers numerous library resources. Bring your portable device for extra practice. Ext. 212

English as a Second Language
Mon. & Wed., Oct. 5 to 28 **6:30 p.m.**
English classes include speaking, reading, and writing at different levels of instruction free of charge. For questions call the Literacy Coordinator at Ext. 336.

Protect Yourself from Fraud, Scams, and Identity Theft
Tuesday, Oct. 6 **2p.m.**
Phillip Foreman from the Indiana Attorney General's Office offers a free presentation on the importance of protecting your personal information; how to request your credit report; freeze your credit; and reporting procedures. Ext. 212

Ask Me! Employment Resources
Thursday, Oct. 8 **10 a.m.**
Librarians are prepared to help you at this one-on-one, walk-in session to research jobs, organize a resume, sign up for free email accounts, introduce online job searching and answer you specific job questions. Ext. 334

Circle of Readers Book Discussion
Thursday, Oct. 8 **6:15 p.m.**
You Know When the Men are Gone by Siobham Fallon is a collection of

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interconnected stories that relate the experiences of Fort Hood military wives. Ext. 212

Friends of Lake County Public Library Board Meeting
Tuesday, Oct. 13 — 1 p.m.
All members of the 'Friends' and those interested in joining may attend this bi-monthly meeting. Ext. 317.

ICE: A New Approach to Parenting Workshop
Tuesday, Oct. 13 — 6-8 p.m.
This workshop, taught by representatives of Strategies for Care, is designed to increase positive family values and service delivery among organizations that service families. Ext. 335

***Lost Gary* with Jerry Davich**
Wednesday, Oct. 14 — 2 p.m.
Join Post Tribune/Chicago Tribune Metro Columnist Jerry Davich as he discusses his newspaper columns, freelance magazine stories, radio show and new book, *Lost Gary*. Copies of his book will be available for purchase. Ext. 212

Disaster Planning Workshop- Local History Services Dept. of Indiana Historical Society
Wednesday, Oct. 14 — 10 to 4
Adults will learn the elements of a basic disaster/emergency preparedness plan, work through an emergency scenario, and develop a plan for their organization. There is a $20 fee for individuals, $15 for IHS members, and $10 for Local History Partners. Online registration only (by Oct. 7th) at: http://www.indianahistory.org/our-services/local-history-services/workshops.

Books-to-Bridge-the-Region Meeting
Friday, Oct. 16 — 9:15 a.m.
Anyone in the "region' communities is welcome to the table for the Books-to-Bridge-the-Region meeting to discuss the books and program options for the 2015 reading initiative. Ext. 315

***Teen Read Week* Reading Challenge**
Sun. to Sat., Oct. 18 to 24 — All Day
Teens (11 - 18)are invited to read to beat the challenge to read more than any other Lake County Public Library branch during *Teen Read Week*. Drop in Thursday night at 5pm for our Reading Marathon! Ext. 334 *Registration not required.*

Ask Me! I Work Here!
Monday, Oct. 19 & 26 — 2-4 p.m.
Library staff is ready to answer your questions about library materials that should work on your computer or portable device. Bring your electronics and will figure it out. Ext. 212 *Registration not required.*

Teen Anime Club
Tuesday, Oct. 20 — 5-8 p.m.
Teens (11 to 18) are invited to view Anime, enjoy snacks, and dress in costume for a Halloween party. Ext. 334

Introduction to Alzheimer's Disease
Friday, Oct. 23 — 10 a.m. To 1 p.m.
Join this free informational and interactive session that focuses on understanding the disease process of progressive dementia A light lunch will be provided from 11:30 a.m. To Noon, followed by an advanced issues class. Register by calling 1-888-303-0180

Movie Time
Saturday, Oct. 24 — 1 p.m.
Starring John Cusack, Elizabeth Banks, and Paul Giammitti, *Love and Mercy* is a biopic of Beach Boys mastermind Brian Wilson. Rated PG-13; run time 120 minutes. Ext. 364 *Registration not required.*

Ghostbusters!
Thursday, Oct. 29 — 5:30 p.m.
Everyone is invited to a ghostbusting good time watching the film and taking pictures with the South Shore Ghostbusters. The film is rated PG, run time is 107 minutes. *Registration not required.*

Munster Branch

8701 Calumet Ave., Munster, IN 46321
836-8450
www.lcplin.org/branches/mu.htm

Downloading Magazines
Friday, Oct. 2 — 10:30 a.m.
Adults will learn how to download online magazines from the library for free. Please bring your portable device.

Downloading Audiobooks
Friday, Oct 2 — 2 p.m.
Participants will learn how to download free audio books from the library. Bring your electronic devices.

Classic Film Presentation
Monday, Oct. 5 — 2 p.m.
Building to a heart-pounding one-on-one confrontation, *Wait Until Dark* is one of the screen's most memorable thrillers. Starring Audrey Hepburn and Alan Arkin; not rated, run time 108 minutes.

AARP Smart Driver Program
Tues. Oct. 6 — 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Refresh your driving skills as you learn defensive driving techniques, safety strategies, new traffic laws and rules of the road. There is a $15 fee for AARP members and $20 for non-members for this classroom course.

The Vikings
Tuesday, Oct. 6 — 6:30 p.m.
In conjunction with the Nordikfolk Lodge #761 of the Vasa Order of America, the Munster Branch presents *The Vikings*, a Great Course DVD lecture series.

***Lost Gary* Book Event**
Wednesday, Oct. 7 — 7 p.m.
Join Post-Tribune Metro Columnist Jerry Davich for highlights of his newspaper columns, freelance magazine stories, radio show, and new book, *Lost Gary*.

Independent Film
Tuesday, Oct. 13 — 2 p.m. & 6:30 p.m.
El Bola is a poignant film that parallels the lives of a caring father unable to connect with his willful son, and an abusive father incapable of giving his distant son the love he needs. In Spanish with English subtitles. Not rated; adults; run time 87 minutes.

Registration required for all programs by phone or online except where noted.

Beyond Great books
Wednesday, Oct. 14 7 p.m.
Join a discussion on selections from *On the Genealogy of Morals* by Friedrich Nietzsche. *Registration not required.*

Explore Beijing
Thursday, October 15 2 p.m. & 7 p.m.
Described by tourists as China's largest theme park, viewers will visit Beijing, the capital of the People's Republic of China.

Teen Movie
Thursday, Oct. 15 3:30 p.m.
Teens and 'Tweens are invited to watch *Pitch Perfect 2*. Rated PG 13, 115 minutes run time.

Teen Anime Club
Oct. 20 3:45 p.m.
If you like Anime or Manga, join our Teen Anime Club to watch episodes of a popular new series. Snacks provided.

Blood Pressure Screening
Thursday, Oct. 22 10 a.m. To Noon
A representative from Hospice of the Calumet Area will provide free blood pressure screenings. *No appointments or registration are needed.*

Thursday Afternoon Book Discussion
Thursday, Oct. 22 1:30 p.m.
As German bombers devastated Warsaw and began destroying the city's zoo, the zookeepers smuggled Jews into the empty cages, caring for both the zoo's human and animal inhabitants. Read to discuss *The Zookeeper's Wife* by Diane Ackerman.

Great Comedians of the World War II Era
Tuesday, Oct. 27 1:30 p.m.
All are invited to watch the hilarious performances of master jesters Jack Benny, George Burns, Red Skelton, Jimmy Durante, Victor Borge, the Three Stooges, Danny Kay, and more in this presentation by Dr. John Ban, Professor Emeritus, IUN.

Teen Book Discussion
Thursday, Oct. 29 3:30 p.m.
A gifted mechanic and cyborg is reviled by her stepmother, blamed for her stepsister's illness, becomes intertwined with a handsome prince, and finds herself at the center of an intergalactic struggle in *Cinder* by Marissa Meyer.

Great Books Discussion
Thursday, Oct. 29 7 p.m.
Readers are invited to a discourse of *The Inferno* by Dante, a selection from the fifth series of Great Books.

St. John Branch
9450 Wicker Avenue, St. John, IN 46373
365-5379
www.lcplin.org/branches/sj.htm

Teen Anime Club
Monday, Oct. 5 4 p.m.
Teens (6th to 12th grades) will view the Anime series *My Love Story*. Snacks served. Registration not required.

Stamp Camp
Monday, Oct. 5 6:30 p.m.
Express your creativity designing customized greeting cards with rubber stamps and decorative paper. There is a $5 fee to cover the cost of materials provided due at the time of class.

Travel Film Series
Tuesday, Oct. 6 2 p.m.
Journey to Transylvania to explore Bekas Canyon, Killer's Lake, Szovata, and more. Refreshments served.

Color Your Stress Away
Wednesday, Oct. 7 2-4 p.m.
Adults will spend time relaxing and relieving stress by coloring. Colored pencils and designs provided.

Sit & Stitch
Wednesdays, Oct. 7 & 21 6:30 p.m.
Bring your crochet, knitting, or sewing project and gather with others who have a common thread.

Computer Class: Basic Windows
Wednesday, Oct. 14 2 p.m.
Adults will learn basic computer terminology, Windows, and basic usage of Open Office. Seating is limited.

Page Turners Book Club
Wednesday, Oct. 14 6:30 p.m.
Read to discuss *The Promise* of *Stardust* by Priscille Sibley, a haunting novel about life and death and love, set against a moral dilemma that may leave you questioning your own beliefs.

Teens Learn 'Scratch'
Thursday, Oct. 15 6 p.m.
Teens (6th to 12th grades) learn how to use 'Scratch,' a computer program that allows users to make interactive stories, games, and animation. Space is limited.

Teen Read Week
Mon. to Sat., Oct. 19 to 24 All Day
Teens are invited to make an edible book to celebrate Teen Read Week! Supplies provided at the circulation desk.

Gardening Class
Monday, Oct. 19 7 p.m.
Master Gardener Vicotria Jostes presents Winter Seed Sowing in this program co-hosted by the St. John Garden Club.

Classic Film Series
Thursday, Oct. 22 2 p.m.
Adults will view this 1933 Marx Brothers comedy where Rufus T. Firefly becomes the leader of the land named Freedonia. Not rated; 68 minutes run time.

Computer Class: Navigating the Net
Wednesday, Oct. 28 2 p.m.
Beginners will learn how to find information on the internet using the library's webpage, Google, and Yahoo. Seating is limited.

Ask a Librarian

Q: I bought an old doll at a school auction. Someone told me it's a "Bru" and could be very valuable. How can I find out what it might be worth?

A: The Lake County Library system subscribes to an Antiques Reference database which holds auction result information on thousands of antique items. To find the database, go to the library homepage (www.lcplin.org). Go to "Learn" at the top of the page and drop down to "Learn Online." You may then go to the alphabetical list of databases and click on "Antiques Reference" or go to the hobby/special interests link to find the antiques database.

On the database page, use the search options to type in the keyword "bru." You may limit the search by choosing "dolls" under category if you wish. The results pages have photos and auction results indicating what the various dolls sold for.

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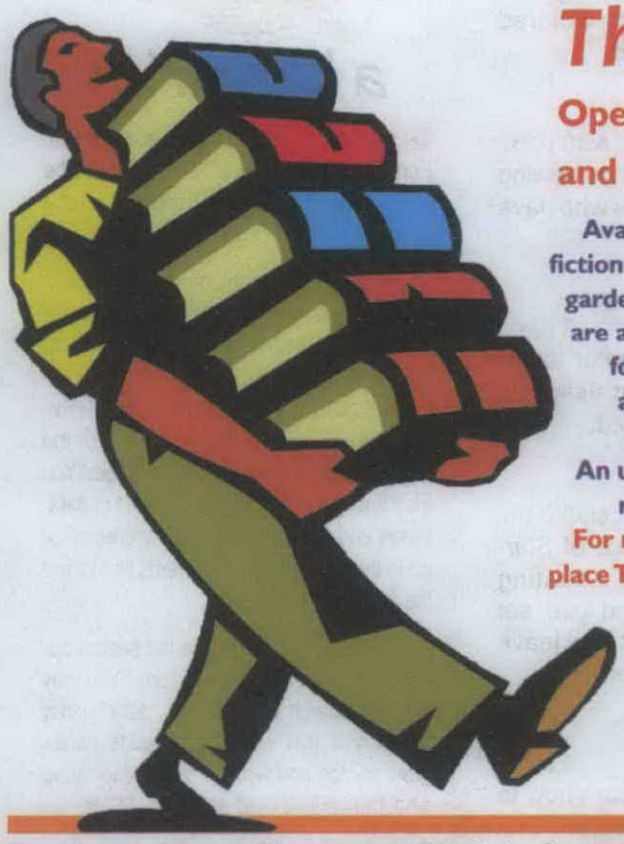

The annual Fall Book Sale

Open to all on Friday, October 2nd from 1 to 4 p.m. and Saturday, October 3rd from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Available will be thousands of books – hardcover & softcover, paperbacks, fiction & mystery (by well known authors), non-fiction (biographies, home & garden, history, holiday, and more) - ranging in price from $.25 to $1. There are also audio-books for $1, musical cds of all genres for $1, videocassettes for $.50, and a wide variety of DVDs for just $1 each. In addition a huge assortment of books for children – hardcover, softcover, picture books, easy readers, and chapter books – at prices ranging from $.25 to $.50. An unusual assortment of 'select' books that cannot normally be found at regular book sales will be on display for purchase, all at bargain prices. For members of the Friends of the Library a special Preview sale will take place Thursday, October 1st from 4 to 7 p.m. The sale is also open to anyone who wishes to sign-up for a Friends membership at this time. Membership is $5 for Individual, $10 for Family, $15 for Sponsorship, and $100 for Lifetime Membership.

The Library's Mission: The purpose of the Lake County Public Library is to provide the highest quality informational, educational, cultural, and recreational resources and services to residents of all ages in the Lake County Public Library district.

October Children's Classes

MOTHER GOOSE ON THE LOOSE!

Storytimes

Birth-23 mo.
and a caregiver

This 30 minute lapsit program uses songs, rhymes, and finger plays to encourage interaction and foster language development and motor skills.

Cedar Lake Branch:
1st & 3rd Friday 10:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m.

Dyer-Schererville Branch
3rd Monday 10:30 a.m.
or 2nd & 3rd Tuesday 10:30 a.m.

Griffith-Calumet Twp. Branch
2nd & 4th Wednesday 10:30 a.m.

Highland Branch:
1st & 3rd Tuesday 6:30 a.m.
1st & 3rd Wednesday 10:30 a.m.

Hobart Branch
1st & 3rd Wednesday 10:30 a.m.

Merrillville Branch
1st & 3rd Monday 10 a.m.

Munster Branch
2nd & 4th Wednesday 10:30 a.m.

St. John Branch:
2nd & 4th Thursday 10:15 a.m.

2-3 Year Olds

This 45 minute program is filled with stories, songs, and finger plays, and a craft.
(Caregivers must be present during program.)

Cedar Lake Branch:
2nd & 4th Thursday 10:30 a.m.

Dyer-Schererville Branch
2nd & 3rd Wed. 10:15 a.m., 11:15 a.m.

Griffith-Calumet Twp. Branch
1st & 3rd Wednesday 10:30 a.m.

Highland Branch:
4th Monday 10:30 a.m.

Hobart Branch
2nd Friday 10:30 a.m.
4th Monday 10:30 a.m.

Merrillville Branch
2nd & 4th Tuesday 10 a.m.

Munster Branch
4th Monday 10:30 a.m. & 1:30 p.m.

St. John Branch:
1st & 3rd Tues. 10:15 a.m., 11:15 a.m.

4-5 Year Olds

This hour program is filled with stories, songs, finger plays, and a craft.

Cedar Lake Branch:
1st & 3rd Tuesday 10:30 a.m., 1 p.m.

Dyer-Schererville Branch
2nd & 3rd Monday 1:30 p.m.
or 3rd & 4th Tuesday 1:30 p.m.

Griffith-Calumet Twp Branch
1st & 3rd Tuesday 1:00 p.m.

Highland Branch:
2nd & 4th Wednesday 10:30 a.m.

Hobart Branch
1st & 3rd Monday 1:30 p.m.

Merrillville Branch
2nd & 4th Tuesday 11 a.m.

Munster Branch
1st & 3rd Tues. 10:30 a.m. & 1:30 p.m.

St. John Branch:
2nd & 4th Tuesday 10:30 a.m.
2nd & 4th Friday 10:30 a.m.

Cedar Lake Branch

10010 W. 133rd Avenue
Cedar Lake, IN 46303
374-7121
www.lcplin.org/branches/cl.htm

LEGO Mania
Thursday, Oct. 1 — **4 p.m.**

Children through grade 6 will design and display LEGO structures made with library LEGO bricks. Snacks provided. Preschool children must be accompanied by an adult.

STEAM Fridays!
Fridays, Oct. 2 to 30 — **All Day**

Using Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math, kids enjoy experimenting, designing, building, computing & crafting as they explore fall, leaves, seasons and more! *Registration is not required.*

Learning & More @ the Library!
Mon. to Sat., Oct. 5 to 31 — **All Day**

Enjoy early literacy activities, along with crafts and more for all ages during library open hours. It's always fun @ the library! *Registration is not required.*

Fall Fest
Saturday, Oct. 17 — **1-3 p.m.**

Members of the library's Teen Advisory Board celebrate Teen Read Week by hosting a library festival for all with face painting, cake walks, karaoke, pie throwing, pumpkin bowling, spook stories, library golf, games and Halloween crafts. *Registration is not required.*

Spooky Fun Halloween Party
Friday, Oct. 23 — **1 p.m.**

Children in kindergarten through 5th grade can dress up in their costumes to be part of a costume contest, Halloween parade, take part in Halloween themed games, and make spooky crafts. Snacks provided.

Secrets, Boxes & More: Books-to-Bridge-the-Region Fun
Monday, Oct. 26 — **2 p.m.**

Children of all ages will celebrate Books-to-Bridge-the-Region exploring secrets in games, cod, science experiments, and more. All across the seven county Northwest Indiana region children will be reading this year's selections – *Henry's Freedom Box* by Ellen Levine and *The Secret Tree* by Natalie Standiford. The books will be available to read all month long.

Dyer-Schererville Branch

1001 W. Lincoln Highway
Schererville, IN 46375
322-4731
www.lcplin.org/branches/ds.htm

Craft Table for Children
Mon. to Sat., Oct. 1 to 31 — **All Day**

Children of all ages are welcome to make a fun craft in the Children's department during library open hours.

Kids' Art Club
Tuesday, Oct. 6 — **4:30 p.m.**

Children, 7 to 12 years of age, will learn how to draw and paint in this one hour monthly class.

Dynamite DUPLOs
Wednesday, Oct. 7 — **10:30 a.m.**

Toddlers, 2 to 5 years of age accompanied by a caregiver, will learn simple patterning and building skills with DUPLO blocks.

LEGO Club
Thursday, Oct. 8 — **6:30 p.m.**

Children in kindergarten to grade 6 will use their creativity to build unique projects with the library's LEGO bricks.

Books-to-Bridge-the-Region: *Henry's Freedom Box*
Thursday, Oct. 15 — **6:30 p.m.**

Children in grades 1 through 6 are invited to learn about the life of Henry 'Box' Brown and other brave men and women who went from slavery to freedom. Books-to-Bridge-the-Region is a reading initiative that encompasses 7 Northwest Indiana counties encouraging area residents to read books of a common theme to foster conversation between people and generations.

Power Paws for Kids
Saturday, Oct. 17 — **11 a.m.**

Children of all ages and reading levels will have the opportunity to read a library book to one of the registered Delta Society Pet Partner dogs (accompanied by their trainers).

Fall Fun
Thursday, Oct. 22 — **6 p.m.**

Children in kindergarten through grade 6 will hear fun fall stories (some mildly scary), play autumn games, eat fantastic fall snacks, and make an autumn themed craft.

Home Schooled Art Club
Wednesday, Oct. 28 — **10:30 a.m.**

Home schooled children, 7 to 12 years of age, will learn about famous artists and create their own art

Griffith-Calumet Branch

1215 E. 45th Avenue
Griffith, IN 46319
838-2825
www.lcplin.org/branches/gr.htm

Jeepers Creepers Crafts!
Monday, Oct. 5 — **6 p.m.**

Kids in kindergarten through 5th grade will create spooky Halloween crafts and a Dia de los Muertos (Day of the Dead) project.

Books-to-Bridge-the-Region: *Henry's Freedom Box*
Thursday, Oct. 8 — **4 p.m.**

Children in kindergarten through grade 5 will talk about this year's Books-to-Bridge-the-Region selection *Henry's Freedom Box*, a true story from the underground railroad. We will also make special autumn leaves and have a snack.

Star Wars Reads Day Craft & Drawing
Saturday, Oct. 10 — **All Day**

Children can create a Star Wars craft and enter to win a Star Wars book or a prize. *Registration not required.*

Jeepers Creepers Crafts for Home Schooled Kids
Friday, Oct. 16 — **10:30 a.m.**

Home schooled children will create spooky Halloween crafts and a Dia de los Muertos (Day of the Dead) project.

LEGO Mania
Monday, Oct. 19 — **4 p.m.**

Children in kindergarten through 5th grade will build with the library's LEGO blocks.

Griffith Ghoul Fest!
Saturday, Oct. 24 — **1:30 p.m.**

Ghouls of all ages are invited for stories, games, crafts, and treats. Wear your costumes and get a prize. *Registration not required.*

'Tween Spooktacular
Thursday, Oct. 29 — **6:30 p.m.**

'Tweens, grades 5 to 8, here is a Scary Spooktacular Event. Listen to and tell spooky tales, eat s'mores, and decorate sugar skulls.

Registration required for all programs by phone or online except where noted.

Highland Branch

2841 Jewett Street
Highland, IN 46322
838-2394
www.lcplin.org/branches/hi.htm

Family Story Hour
Tuesdays, Oct. 13 & 27 **6:30 p.m.**
Families with children 3 to 6 years of age will enjoy stories, fingerplays, music, and a craft.

LEGO Club
Wednesday, Oct. 14 **3:30 p.m.**
School age children, kindergarten to grade 6, will free build or build the 'challenge' project with library LEGO blocks. Parents of children through grade 2 should plan to assist their child. We happily accept donations of LEGO building blocks to add to our collection.

Books-to-Bridge-the-Region:
Henry's Freedom Box
Thursday, Oct. 22 **3:30 p.m.**
School age children, 2nd through 5th grades, will listen to and discuss this year's Books-to-Bridge-the-Region picture/easy reader selection, *Henry's Freedom Box: A Story from the Underground Railroad* by Ellen Levine. This is a moving story about a young slave who mails himself to freedom.

Power Paws for Kids
Saturday, Oct. 3 **11 a.m.**
Highland Library would like to welcome Power Paws For Kids! They visited during the summer and were a big hit – and they are back on a regular basis! Children have the opportunity to read aloud to a Power Paws volunteer and their dog. *Registration is not required.*

Hobart Branch

100 Main Street
Hobart, IN 46342
942-2243
www.lcplin.org/branches/ho.htm

LEGO Night
Tuesday, Oct. 6 **6 p.m.**
Children in kindergarten to grade 6 will use their imagination to create unique structures using LEGO bricks.

'Tweens Read *Henry's Freedom Box*
The Book-to-Bridge-the-Region
Tuesday, Oct. 13 **6 p.m.**
'Tweens, 9 to 12 years of age, will read *Henry's Freedom Box*, the story of a young slave who mails himself to freedom, and participate in related activities.

Lake Station-New Chicago Branch

2007 Central Avenue
Lake Station, IN 46405
962-2409
www.lcplin.org/branches/lsnc.htm

Evening Pajama Movie
Thursday, Oct. 1 **6 p.m.**
Families are welcome to this presentation of the movie Hotel Transylvania, rated PG, run time 91 minutes. Children can wear pajamas, bring a sleeping bag, a pillow, and a stuffed animal Refreshments served.

Fall Family Story Time
Friday, Oct. 9 **10:30 a.m.**
Or Wednesday, Oct. 14 6 p.m.
Families with children ages 5 and younger will enjoy an autumn themed story time that includes stories, songs, finger plays, and a simple craft.

Books-to-Bridge-the-Region:
Henry's Freedom Box
Tuesday, Oct. 13 **4 p.m.**
Children in kindergarten and up will hear the Books-to-Bridge-the-Region selected story *Henry's Freedom Box*, and make a related craft. Refreshments served.

Super 'Tweens:
Mini Pumpkin Decorating
Wednesday, Oct. 21 **6 p.m.**
'Tweens, 9 to 13 years of age, will hear a Halloween story and decorate their own mini pumpkin. Refreshments served.

Pumpkin Painting
Thursday, Oct. 22 **6 p.m.**
Children in kindergarten and up will hear a Halloween story and paint and decorate their own pumpkins. Children must bring their own pumpkin; all other supplies provided. Refreshments served.

Halloween Family Story Time
Tuesday, Oct. 27 **10:30 a.m.**
Families with children 5 years of age and younger will enjoy a story time that includes Halloween stories, songs, finger plays, and making a paper cup spider craft. Animal crackers and juice served.

LEGO Night
Thursday, Oct. 29 **6 p.m.**
Children, preschool age and up, are invited to create their own Lego designs. Refreshments served.

Merrillville Branch

1919 W. 81st Avenue
Merrillville, IN 46410
769-3541, Ext. 360
www.lcplin.org/branches/cnl.htm

Craft Table for Children
October 1 to 31 **All Day**
Children of all ages are welcome to make a craft in the Children's Department during library open hours.

Family Story Time:
Books-to-Bridge-the-Region
Thursday, Oct. 1 **4 p.m.**
Families are welcome to hear stories, sing songs, and make crafts related to this year's Books-to-Bridge-the-Region children's selection: *Henry's Freedom Box* by Ellen Levine. (http://www.books-2bridge.org)

Board Game Fun
Wednesday, Oct. 7 **6 p.m.**
Children in kindergarten to grade 5 will meet to play fun games. Family members are welcome to join in!

LEGO Club
Tuesday, Oct. 13 **4 p.m.**
Children in kindergarten through grade 5 will have fun making their own unique LEGO structures. The only requirement is imagination.

Gaming Night
Wednesday, Oct. 21 **6 p.m.**
Children from kindergarten to grade 5 are invited to get together to play *Wii, PlayStation 2*, and board games. Snacks served.

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Haunted Library
Thursday, Oct. 29 **4 p.m.**
Children in kindergarten through grade 5 are invited to celebrate Halloween with scary stories, gruesome games, monstrous music, and creepy crafts. Wear your costumes.

Munster Branch

8701 Calumet Avenue
Munster, IN 46321
836-8450
www.lcplin.org/branches/mu.htm

Power Paws for Reading
Thursday, Oct. 1 **6 p.m.**
Power Paws for Kids is a unique program that matches children with a dog and a volunteer to practice reading aloud. All levels of readers are welcome.

Books-to-Bridge-the-Region Event:
Henry's Freedom Box
Wednesday, Oct. 7 **4 p.m.**
Children in kindergarten and older will hear and discuss the book *Henry's Freedom Box*: A Story from the Underground Railroad by Ellen Levine, along with related activities and a craft. This reading initiative encompasses seven Northwest Indiana counties.

LEGO Building
Thursday, Oct. 8 **3-7 p.m.**
Young LEGO enthusiasts, kindergarten and up, are invited to stop by any time from 3 to 7 pm for creative building time with other kids, constructing with LEGO blocks and sharing their structures with the group.

Build Your Own Monster
Thursday, Oct. 22 **6 p.m.**
Children in preschool and older are invited to create and build their own monster. All supplies will be provided, from simple paper creations to more elaborate 3D models.

Pumpkin Carving
Thursday, Oct. 29 **5-8 p.m.**
Children currently in kindergarten or older are invited to carve pumpkins. We will supply the tools; you supply the pumpkin. Younger attendees can use paint and other decorations.

St. John Branch

9450 Wicker Avenue (US 41)
St. John, IN 46373
365-5379
www.lcplin.org/branches/sj.htm

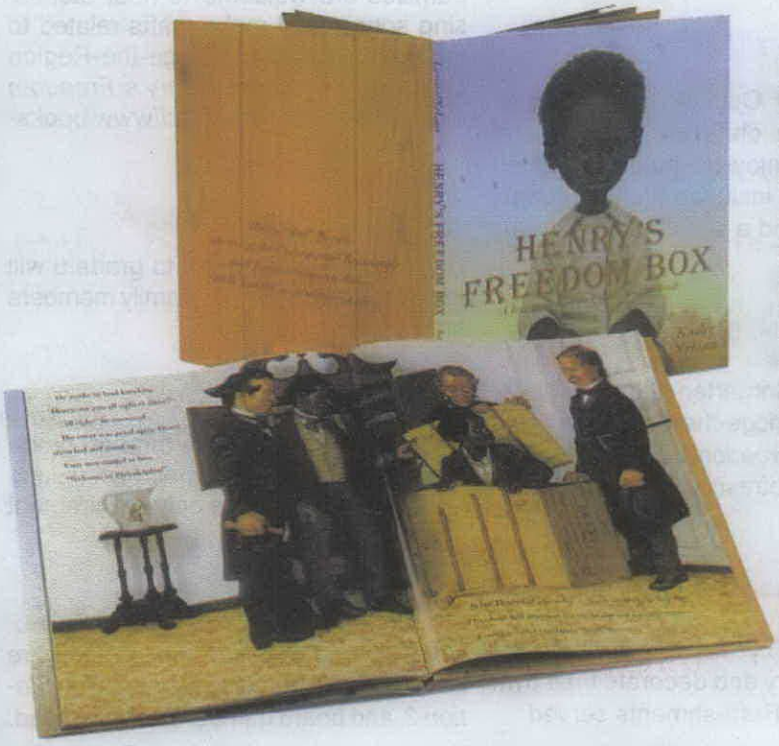
Puppet Theatre
Thursday, Oct. 1 **4:30 p.m.**
Children from kindergarten to 5th grade will make puppets from paper and felt.

Power Paws for Kids
Saturday, Oct. 24 **11 a.m.**
Children of all ages and any reading level will enjoy reading to Power Paws service dogs.

Happy Hauntings
Tuesday, Oct. 27 **4:30 p.m.**
Children from kindergarten to 5th grade are asked to bring a pumpkin to this fun Halloween event for an afternoon of games and pumpkin painting. Costumes are encouraged!

Frighteningly Fun Family Story Time
Wednesday, Oct. 28 **6:30 p.m.**
Children and their families will participate in fun, not-too-spooky stories, crafts and related activities.

HENRY'S FREEDOM BOX



Henry Brown doesn't know how old he is. Nobody keeps records of slaves' birthdays. All the time he dreams about freedom, but that dream seems farther away than ever when he is torn from his family and put to work in a warehouse. Henry grows up and marries, but he is again devastated when his family is sold at the slave market. Then one day, as he lifts a crate at the warehouse, he knows exactly what he must do: He will mail himself to the North. After an arduous journey in the crate, Henry finally has a birthday -- his first day of freedom.

BOOKS TO BRIDGE THE REGION
Connecting Communities through Reading

For more information and a list of events in your local area, please visit the website at www.books2bridge.org

LAKE COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

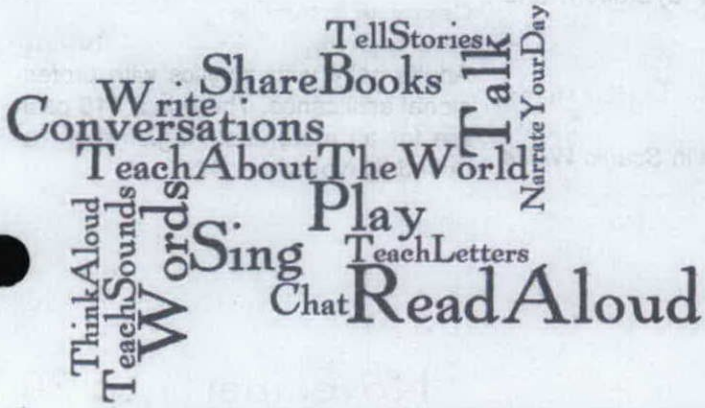
www.lcplin.org

Library Happenings

November 2015

Let's Talk! (& Talk & Talk & Talk—and...Read, Sing, Play & Write!): Ready to Read at LCPL!

Kids are born ready to learn, but the sad fact is that many of them reach school and struggle. Research has identified skills children must have in order to be ready to learn to read. We adults—especially parents & caregivers—are the best ones to teach those skills. The library is teaching adults the best ways to teach our children what they need to know. Parents and caregivers are learning how to teach their children in story time classes, workshops, and activities that are happening every day, all day at the library.



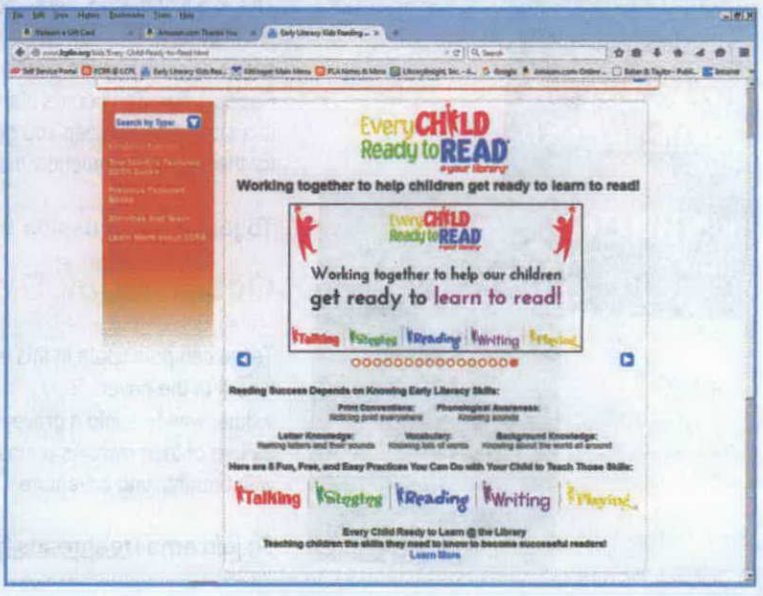
Walk into the Cedar Lake Branch anytime of the day and you will find many activities going on—lots of science, technology, engineering, art and math (STEAM), along with early literacy activities that help parents teach their children. Come into story time at any of our library locations and you will learn ways to teach young children the important early literacy skills they need to know. And all this learning & teaching is a lot of fun! We encourage parents to ***play*** with their children—helping them develop higher thinking and language skills. Fun! ***Sing*** with children—helping them hear smaller sounds in words while learning new vocabulary. Fun! ***Write*** (and color and craft) with children—writing and reading develop side by side. Fun! Of course, ***read*** with children—helping them learn ***every*** early literacy skill they need to know, especially when we make it interactive. Fun! ***Talk*** with children—talking is key to helping children be ready to learn when they start school. Fun!

It all takes time—and energy, especially talking—but words are free! Consider the dismal statistics: Some children begin school knowing far fewer words than other children. These are the children who struggle to learn.

Of course, their parents and caregivers talked to them—but mostly 'do this-don't do that' kind of talk. All kids hear that. But children who succeed in school hear lots of other talk too—and are engaged in conversations—many, many times each day. By age three those children with talkative parents have heard ***30 million more words*** than children with parents who don't talk as much. That gap makes all the difference between children who learn and those who struggle in school.

When parents ***Sing, Play, Write, Read, and Talk*** with their children, they are using the best methods research has shown help teach young children. The library teaches parents the best ways to use these methods to teach the skills children need to know.

The national research-based program we use is Every Child Ready to Read @ Your Library—ECRR. Want to learn more, along with some great fun activities? Check out our new website—http://www.lcplin.org/kids/Every-Child-Ready-to-Read.html!



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Branch Library Happenings

Cedar Lake Branch

10010 E. 133rd Ave., Cedar Lake, IN 46303
374-7121
www.lcplin.org/branches/cl.htm

Snack & Plan
Tuesday, Nov. 3 **4 p.m.**
Members of the Teen Advisory Board and those wishing to join (11 & older) eat, play games, plan programs, and participate in volunteer activities.

History on the Big Screen
Tuesday, Nov. 10 **2 p.m.**
View the historical film *Heroes of Iwo Jima*.

Pizza! Pizza!
Tues. & Wed., Nov. 10 & 11 **4 p.m.**
Teens will taste and vote for favorites finishing with a pizza themed craft.

Books & Chat
Wednesday, Nov. 18 **6:30 p.m.**
Readers will discuss *Life After Life* by Kate Atkinson.

Sensational Science
Thursday, Nov. 19 **4 p.m.**
Teens will experiment, plan, build, and compute in sensational projects with food.

GameFest
Monday, Nov. 23 **3-5 p.m.**
Teens will play *Wii, PlayStation*, and board games.

Travel the World Without Leaving Home
Tuesday, Nov. 24 **2 p.m.**
Enjoy arm chair travel in *Scenic Walks Across the World.*

Book-nic for All Ages
Friday, Nov. 27 **1-3 p.m.**
Drop in for fun crafting and a bit of tasting, all themed around favorite books.

Dyer-Schererville Branch

1001 W. Lincoln Hwy., Schererville, IN 46375
322-4731
www.lcplin.org/branches/ds.htm

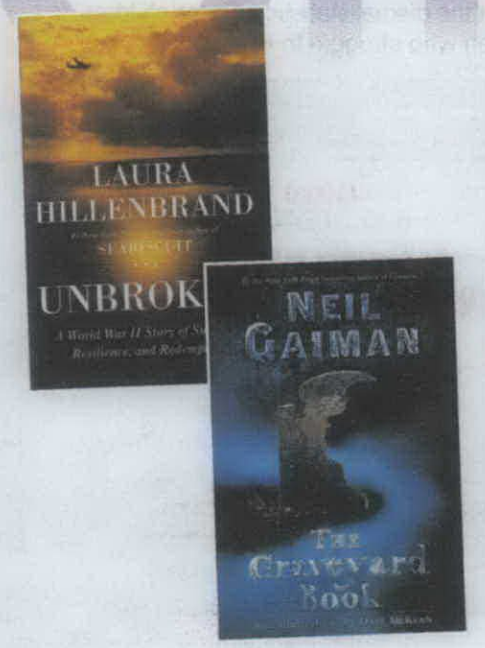
Personalized Reading Suggestions
Nov. 2 to 30 **All Day**
Call to schedule an appointment with a reader's adviser and start building your 'to read' list.

Independent Foreign Film
Monday, Nov. 2 **1 p.m.**
View *Stations of the Cross*, in German with English subtitles, run time 110 minutes.

Create an Artful Life
Saturday, Nov. 7 **10 a.m.**
Adults paint with acrylics with professional assistance. There is a $15 cash fee for all materials. Registration required by November 4th.

Online!

November 1 to 30



BOOKreMARKS Online

This is a month-long, online book discussion available to anyone, anywhere, at any time of day through email of: *Unbroken* by Laura Hillenbrand. This is the inspiring, true story of a man who lived through a series of catastrophes almost too incredible to be believed. During a routine search mission over the Pacific, Louie Zamperini's plane crashed into the ocean. What happened to him over the next three years is a story that will keep you glued to the pages, eagerly awaiting the next turn in the story. You'll cheer for the man who somehow maintained his humanity despite the monumental degradations he suffered.

To join the discussion send an email to remarks@lcplin.org.

Online Book Discussion for Teens

Teens can participate in this month-long, online book discussion available at any time of day from anywhere of the novel: *The Graveyard Book* by Neil Gaiman. After the grisly murder of his entire family, a toddler wanders into a graveyard where the ghosts and other supernatural residents agree to raise him as one of their own. As a master storyteller, the author presents a luminous novel – terrifying, yet filled with breathtaking adventure.

To join email teenreads@lcplin.org. Call 219-769-3541 Ext. 335 for more information.

Registration required for all programs by phone or online except where noted.

AARP Smart Driver Course
Monday, Nov. 9 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Learn defensive driving techniques, safety strategies, and new traffic laws. There is a $15 fee for AARP members; $20 for non-members. Register by calling Jeanette Pike of AARP at 219-949-6307.

Stamp Class
Tuesday, Nov. 10 6:30 p.m.
Adults work on projects created with ink, rubber stamps, and decorative paper. There is a $5 fee due for all materials provided.

Teen Advisory Board
Wednesday, Nov. 11 6:30 p.m.
Teens (11 to 18) can suggest upcoming program ideas, wrap gift books, and munch on snacks. *Registration is not required.*

Keep Calm & Color On
Monday, Nov. 16 12:30-2:30 p.m.
& Monday, Nov. 23 6-8 p.m.
Adults are invited to drop-in to color with a variety of designs and color pencils. *Registration is not required.*

Mockingjay Release Party
Tuesday, Nov. 17 6:30 p.m.
Teens can join their fellow 'Tributes' in a celebration of the final chapter of the *Hunger Games* movies.

Virtual Tourist
Wednesday, Nov. 18 7 p.m.
Journey virtually to Poland and enjoy a Polish snack.

Teen Book Wrapping Session
Tuesday, Nov. 24 6 p.m.
Teens are asked to give us a hand wrapping mystery books in packages.

Computer Class: Meet the Mouse
Monday, Nov. 30 2 p.m.
Beginning users of the computer will learn to hold, move, and click a mouse effectively.

Griffith-Calumet Twshp. Branch

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AARP Smart Driver Course
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Learn defensive driving techniques, safety strategies, and new traffic laws. There is a $15 fee for AARP members; $20 for non-members. Register by calling Jeanette Pike of AARP at 219-949-6307.

Create an Artful Life
Monday, Nov. 2 6 p.m.
Adults paint with acrylics with professional assistance. There is a $15 cash fee for all materials.

Paper Creations
Tuesday, Nov. 3 1 p.m.
Design personalized cards and more with paper, ink, and rubber stamps. There is a $5 fee to cover the cost of materials provided.

StoryLovers Book Group
Tuesday, Nov. 3 5:30 p.m.
or Wednesday, Nov. 4 10:30 a.m.
Read to discuss *Eleanor & Park* by Rainbow Rowell. *Registration is not required.*

Meet the Mouse & Basic Computer Class
Wednesday, Nov. 4 2 p.m.
Adults will learn basic information about the computer, keyboard, terminology, word processing & to use the mouse effectively.

Thursday Threaders
Thurs., Nov. 5, 12 & 19 10:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Bring and work on your own project while enjoying the company of others. *Registration is not required.*

TAB Meeting
Thursday, Nov. 5 3:45 p.m.
Teens (6th to 12th grades) are invited to participate in the Teen Advisory Board to plan upcoming events. *Registration is not required.*

SCRATCH Programming for Teens
Thursday, Nov. 5 5 p.m.
Teens (6th to 12th grades) will learn how to use SCRATCH, a computer program that allows users to make interactive stories, games, and animations.

Scrabble Night
Thursday, Nov. 5 6-8 p.m.
Folks of all ages are invited to a fun evening of Scrabble. *Registration is not required.*

NaNoWriMo Teen Writing Workshop
Fridays, Nov. 6, 13, 20, 27 4 p.m.
Teens are invited to a 4 week course to write a novel in the National Novel Writing Month workshop. Bring a flash drive.

Saturday Scrappers
Saturday, Nov. 7 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Meet like-minded scrap bookers while working on your own projects. *Registration is not required.*

Mystery Loves Co. Discussion
Monday, Nov. 9 1 p.m.
Readers are invited to discuss Jenny Milchman's *Cover of Snow*. *Registration is not required.*

Learn to Navigate the Internet
Monday, Nov. 9 6 p.m.
Adults (with basic mouse skills) will learn how to search it using Google and Yahoo.

Great Decisions Discussion Group
Brazil's Metamorphosis
Tuesdays, Nov. 10 & 24 6:30 p.m.
Brazil has risen to global prominence, but some of the country's trickiest problems may be holding it back. *Registration optional.*

Computer Class for Home Schoolers
Monday, Nov. 16 2 p.m.
Home schooling parents and students... find your favorite library databases and we'll assist you with your questions.

Free Blood Pressure Screening
Tues., Nov. 17 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Registration is not required.

Movie Wednesday
Wednesday, Nov. 18 2 p.m.
View *The Age of Adalilne*, rated PG-13, run time 109 minutes. *Registration is not required.*

Graphic Novel Book Club
Thursday, Nov. 19 5:30 p.m.
Teen fans of graphic novels are invited to discuss *Daredevil* by Mike Waid. *Registration is not required.*

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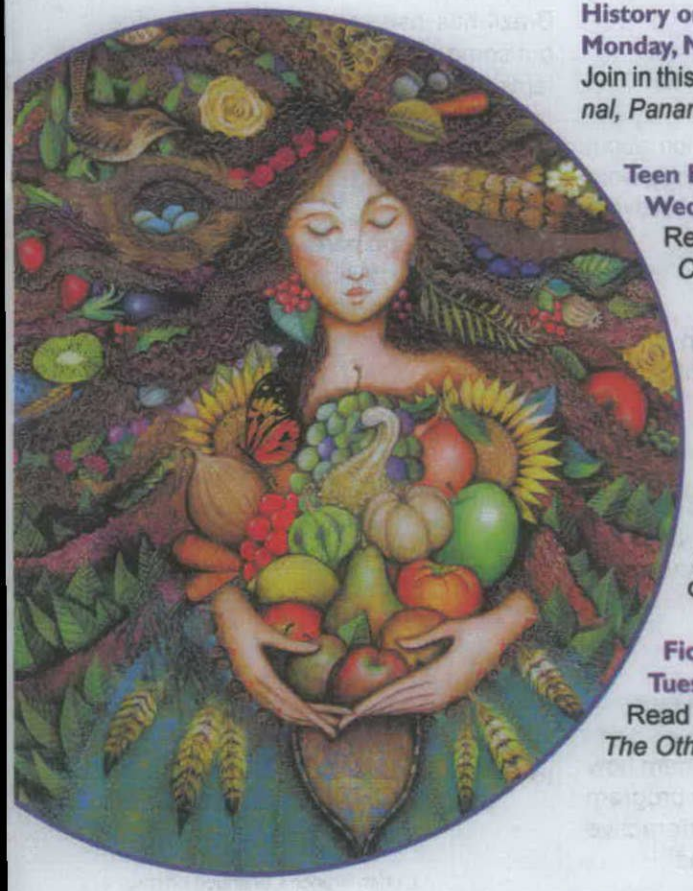
Branch Library Happenings

Teen Anime Club
Thursday, Nov. 19 6:30 p.m.
Teen fans of Anime or Manga will view an episode of a popular new series; rated TV-13. *Registration is not required.*

Star Wars: The Force Awakens Day
Saturday, Nov. 21 1:30-3:30 p.m.
Everyone is invited to join in this day of all things Star Wars to celebrate the upcoming film, The Force Awakens. *Registration is not required.*

Our Heroes' Tree
Monday, Nov. 23 3 p.m.
Celebrate our veterans and active service men and women with guest speakers, readings from *Our Heroes' Tree*, refreshments and crafting hero tree ornaments. *Registration is not required.*



Moon Called Book Discussion
Monday, Nov. 23 6:30 p.m.
Readers of urban & horror fantasy will discuss *The Last Werewolf* by Glen Duncan. *Registration is not required.*

Time to Travel Film
Wednesday, Nov. 25 2 p.m.
Travel to the Indian Ocean's coast of Kenya. *Registration is not required.*

Book Buddies
Monday, Nov. 30 4 p.m.
Read to discuss *Necessary Lies*. Author Diane Chamberlain. *Registration is not required.*

Highland Branch

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838-2394
www.lcplin.org/branches/hi.htm

History on Film
Monday, Nov. 2 2 & 6:30 p.m.
Join in this viewing of *A Man, A Plan, A Canal, Panama*. *Registration is not required.*

Teen Book Discussion
Wednesday, Nov. 4 3:45 p.m.
Read to discuss *Howl's Moving Castle* by Diana Wynne Jones.

Understanding & Responding to Dementia Related Behavior
Monday, Nov. 9 1:30 p.m.
The Alzheimer's Association reviews the challenging behavioral aspects of Alzheimer's disease and other dementia.

Fiction Book Discussion
Tuesday, Nov. 10 2 p.m.
Read to discuss Suzanne Rindell's *The Other Typist*.

Teen Anime Club
Tuesday, Nov. 10 6 p.m.
Fans of Anime and Manga will watch the first few episodes of *Fate/Stay Night: Unlimited Blade Works*.

Teen Advisory Board
Wednesday, Nov. 11 3:45 p.m.
Snacks will be served and plans will be made by teens for upcoming projects. *Registration is not required.*

Highland Crime Watch Meeting
Wednesday, Nov. 11 6:30 p.m.
All residents are invited to attend this bi-monthly meeting with Corporal Shawn Anderson (sanderson@highland.in.gov) and Officer Brandon Norris (bnorris@highland.in.gov). *Registration is not required.*

Teen Card Games: Mashup
Thursday, Nov. 12 6 p.m.
Bring your cards and match your wits (and decks) against other teen gamers. *Registration is not required.*

Travel Film
Monday, Nov. 16 2 & 6:30 p.m.
Ibiza is a green, untarnished island with beautiful bays and opportunities for fu and serenity.

Stamp Camp
Wednesday, Nov. 18 6:30 p.m.
Participants will design and complete customized greeting cards and more. There is a $5 fee to cover the cost of materials.

Inspirational Book Discussion
Thursday, Nov. 19 2 p.m.
Read to discuss *The Shepherd's* Song by Betsy Duffey & Laura Myers. *Registration is not required.*

Once Upon a Crime
Thursday, Nov. 19 7 p.m.
Read to discuss *Deadline* by John Sandford. *Registration is not required.*

Classic/Feature Film
Monday, November 23 2 & 6 p.m.
View the comedic film, *Tootsie* is rated PG; run time 116 minutes. *Registration is not required.*

Ask a Librarian

Q: Do you have a list of your newest DVDs?

A: The library website (lcplin.org) has a service called "Wowbrary". Every week you can go to "Wowbrary to see the new items available at the library. You can find Wowbrary by clicking on the "New Arrivals" link in the upper right corner of the home page. Next, click on the "New Materials" button. You can then choose the DVDs link which is on the upper left of the Wowbrary page.

Teen- Holiday Mail for Heroes
Tuesday, Nov. 24 6 p.m.
Teens will create cards to be distributed to our military service men and women. *Registration is not required.*

Classic/Feature Film
Monday, Nov. 30 2 & 6 p.m.
View *Driving Miss Daisy.* Rated PG, run time 99 minutes. *Registration is not required.*

Hobart Branch

100 N. Main St., Hobart, IN 46342
942-2243
www.lcplin.org/branches/ho.htm

Travel to the West
Tuesday, Nov. 3 2 p.m.
Take a tour of Hawaii, Alaska, Washington, Oregon, California, Idaho, Wyoming, Montana, Colorado, and Utah.

Contemporary Book Club
Tuesday, Nov. 17 10:30 a.m.
Read to discuss *Kitchen House* by Kathleen Grissom.

Teen Advisory Board Meeting
Tuesday, Nov. 17 4 p.m.
Teens and 'tweens (12 to 18) are will plan future programs and earn volunteer hours while munching on snacks.

Lake Station-New Chicago

2007 Central Avenue, Lake Station, IN 46405
962-2409
www.lcplin.org/branches/lsnc.htm

Nutrition Classes in Spanish
Wednesdays, Nov. 4 to 17 12:15 p.m.
Purdue Cooperative Family Nutrition Adviser Mitzi Egnatz offers classes in Spanish on nutrition, food budgeting, and healthy living ideas.

English as a Second Language
Wednesdays, Nov. 4 to 25
& Mondays, Nov. 9 to 30 5 – 8 p.m.
Neighbors' Educational Opportunities (NEO) offers English language classes free of charge, with a one time registration fee of $20. Register at 219-850-4448 or www.neoadulted.org.

Book Chat
Thursday, Nov. 5 10:30 a.m.
Read to discuss *The Fault in Our Stars* by John Green.

Coffee, Donuts & *Holiday Inn*
Wednesday, Nov. 11 10:30 a.m.
This film starring Bing Crosby, Fred Astaire and Marjorie Reynolds is not rated, run time 101 minutes. *Registration is not required.*

Movie Wednesday
Wednesday, Nov. 11 4 p.m.
View Spencer Tracy, Sidney Poitier & Katharine Hepburn in *Guess Who's Coming to Dinner.* Not rated; run time 107 minutes. Registration is not required.

Family Nutrition
Friday, Nov. 13 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Purdue Cooperative Family Nutrition Adviser Belinda Stepnowski will discuss a variety of food and nutrition topics, demonstrating how to prepare quick, tasty, and healthy low-cost foods.

Teen Gaming
Tuesday, Nov. 21 3 p.m.
Teens will play video games on the *Wii* and *PlayStation*, as well as board games. Snacks provided.

We're a 24/7 Library!

Whether it's 3 AM and you need a book NOW; you prefer to do your research from a comfy armchair; or you just don't want to see people today, our 24-7 branch is here for you.

Merrillville Branch

1919 W. 81st Ave., Merrillville, IN 46410
769-3541
www.lcplin.org/branches/cnl.htm

English as a Second Language
Mon. & Wed., Nov. 2 to 11
English classes are provided free for speaking, reading, and writing at different levels of instruction. Contact Literacy Coordinator Rosella Garcia for details. Ext. 336

Ask Me! Employment Resources
Thursdays, Nov. 5 5:30 p.m.
Librarians are prepared to help at this one-on-one, walk-in sessions: research jobs, organize a resume; sign up for free email accounts; introduce online job searching; upload your resume; and answer specific job questions. *Registration is not required.* Ext. 212

Time Out for Reading Awards Ceremony
Thursday, Nov. 5 5:30 p.m.
The Northwest Indiana Literacy Coalition is sponsoring an awards ceremony for all participants of the 'Put Your Nose In A Book." Ext. 336

Ask Me! I Work Here!
Mondays, Nov. 9 & 30 2 – 4 p.m.
Library staff will answer your questions about library materials that should work on your computer or portable device. Bring your electronics. *Registration is not required.* Ext. 212

ICE: A New Approach to Parenting Workshop
Tuesday, Nov. 10 6 p.m.
This workshop taught by Strategies For Care is designed to increase positive family values and positive service delivery among organizations that service families. Ext. 335

Circle of Readers Book Discussion
Thursday, Nov. 12 6:15 p.m.
Read to discuss *Cinnamon and Gunpowder* by Eli Brown. Ext. 212

Local Author Fair
Saturday, November 14 1-4 p.m.
Our 3rd Annual Local Author's Fair offers the opportunity to all to meet published authors from the Northwest Indiana and Chicagoland area. Ext. 212

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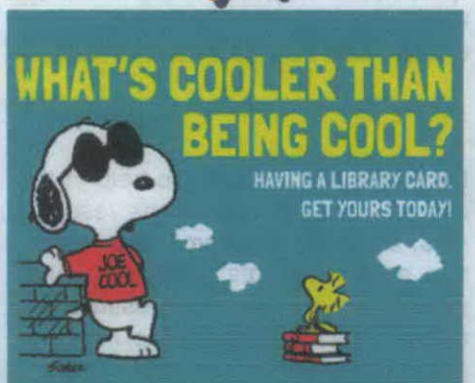
Branch Library Happenings



Get Your Library Card Online

It's now easier than ever to get a library card. Residents of our library district can simply fill out our online application and get instant access to our huge collection of digital materials, like audiobooks, ebooks, magazines, and music - and an easy, fast, free upgrade whenever you're ready to come in to a branch for physical items.

Fill out a form to register for your LCPL eCard and gain instant access to all of Lake County Public Library's online materials!

eCards allow residents in our library district to log in and begin using library resources immediately, even if you can't get to a branch right away.

An eCard will not allow you to check out print materials or other physical items, but don't worry: You can upgrade to a regular library card by bringing suitable identification to any of our locations.

Fill out a form to register and receive your eCard barcode. The information submitted is only used for library services.

Please note: If you are already an LCPL cardholder, you do not need to apply for an eCard. If you do not know how to use your existing library card to access online materials, call your library to find out how!

The Secret Tree – Urban Legends
Nov. 16 to 29 — All Day
The Secret Tree by Natalie Standiford is about a town full of mysteries. All are invited to write an urban legend on a leaf provided at the information desk and will be eligible for a prize drawing. Ext. 334

Color Outside the Lines: Adult Coloring Event
Monday, Nov. 16 — 6:30 p.m.
Relax while coloring beautiful images specially designed for adults. All materials provided. *Registration is not required.* Ext. 338

Teen Anime Club
Tuesday, Nov. 17 — 5-8 p.m.
Teens, 13 to 18, will watch the first 3 episodes of *Princess Jellyfish*. Snacks provided. *Registration is not required.* Ext. 334

Ask Me About Genealogy!
Thursday, Nov. 19 — 1-3 p.m.
Librarians will assist with your family history questions and research with local history resources. Ext. 336

Movie Time
Saturday, Nov. 28 — 1 p.m.
View the very recently released feature film, *Jurassic World*, rated PG-13; run time 124 minutes. *Registration is not required.* Ext. 338

Munster Branch

8701 Calumet Ave., Munster, IN 46321
836-8450
www.lcplin.org/branches/mu.htm

The Vikings
Tuesday, Nov. 3 — 6:30 p.m.
The Nordikfolk Lodge #761 of the Vasa Order of America presents the lecture series *Swedes in the Baltic Sea* and *Russia, The Road to Byzantium*.

After-School Teen Craft
Wednesday, Nov. 4 — 3:30 p.m.
Teens will make a creative craft while enjoying a snack.

Classic Film Series
Monday, Nov. 9 — 2 p.m.
Kevin Kline and Sigourney Weaver star in *Dave*, rated PG-13, run time 110 minutes.

Independent Foreign Film
Tuesday, Nov. 10 — 2 p.m.
Inch' Allah Dimanche is a passionate immigrant story in French and Arabic with English subtitles. Not rated; adults only; run time 98 minutes.

Beyond Great Books
Wednesday, Nov. 11 — 7 p.m.
Join a discussion on selections from On the *Genealogy of Morals* by Friedrich Nietzsche. *Registration is not required.*

Teen Anime Club
Wednesday, Nov. 18 — 3:30 p.m.
Teens are invited to watch episodes of a popular new anime series. Snacks provided.

Free Blood Pressure Screening
Thursday, Nov. 19 — 10 a.m. - Noon
Registration is not required.

Thursday Afternoon Book Discussion
Thursday, Nov. 19 — 1:30 p.m.
Read to discuss *I Am Malala* by Nobel Peace Prize Winner, Malala Yousafzai.

Travel Film Series
Thursday, Nov. 19 — 2 & 7 p.m.
Take a visual tour of the Golden Triangle of India's three most beautiful and captivating cities.

Great Books Discussion
Thursday, Nov. 19 — 7 p.m.
Readers are invited to a discourse of *Burke: Reflections on the Revolution* in France, a selection from the fifth series of Great Books.

St. John Branch

9450 Wicker Avenue, St. John, IN 46373
365-5379
www.lcplin.org/branches/sj.htm

Stamp Camp
Monday, Nov. 2 — 6:30 p.m.
Design and complete customized greeting cards with ink and rubber stamps on decorative paper. There is a $5 fee to cover the cost of materials provided.

Color Your Stress Away
Wednesday, Nov. 4 — 2-4 p.m.
Adults can spend the afternoon relaxing and relieving stress by coloring. All materials provided.

Registration required for all programs by phone or online except where noted.

Sit & Stitch
Wednesdays, Nov. 4 & 18 6:30 p.m.
Bring your crochet, knitting, or sewing project and gather with others who have a common thread.

Ask Me! Employment Resources @ Your Library
Monday, Nov. 9 2 p.m.
Librarians are prepared to help at this one-on-one, walk-in sessions: research jobs, organize a resume; sign up for free email accounts; introduce online job searching; upload your resume; and answer specific job questions.

Gardening Class
Monday, Nov. 9 7 p.m.
Master Gardener Debbie Doerr presents *Sustainable Ornamental Gardening*.

Travel Film Series
Tuesday, Nov. 10 2 p.m.
Explore the capital of the Czech Republic, Prague. Refreshments will be served.

Social Media Savvy
Wednesday, Nov. 11 2 p.m.
The class will teach adults the basics of signing up for Twitter and Facebook, along with hints on how to use them and stay secure.

Page Turners Book Club
Wednesday, Nov. 11 6:30 p.m.
Read to discuss *The Newlyweds* by Nell Freudenberger.

Teen Painting Night
Thursday, Nov. 12 6 p.m.
Teens will learn about a variety of painting techniques and paint a picture of their own.

Classic Film Series
Thursday, Nov. 19 2 p.m.
The Maltese Falcon features Humphrey Bogart in this film that is not rated; run time 100 minutes.

Ideas for the...

Holidays!

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for that special Holiday Gift!

Saturday

November 14 • 1 to 4 p.m.

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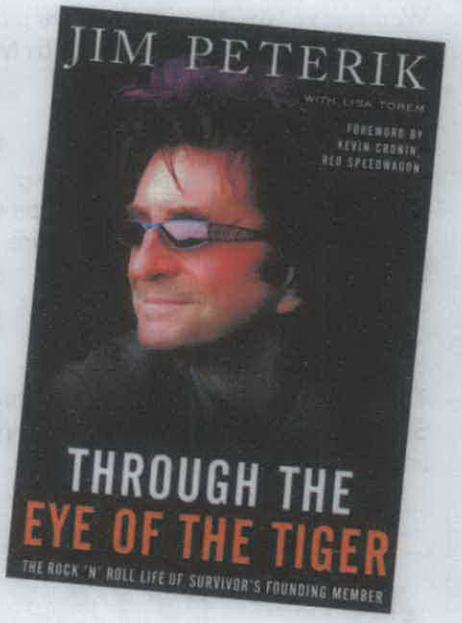
Author, Songwriter & Grammy Winning Hit-maker Jim Peterik to share stories at library fundraiser



Join us Friday, November 6 from 6:00p.m - 8:30p.m. at the Merrillville Branch Library, 1919 West 81st Avenue -- for our annual Lake County Library Foundation Fundraiser.

Our celebrity guest speaker this year is Grammy Award-winning songwriter Jim Peterik, a native of Berwyn, Illinois. Jim Peterik has topped the charts with over a dozen of his songs as a member of the musical groups ***The Ides of March*** *and* ***Survivor.***

Among those hits have been -- *"Vehicle," ""Eye of the Tiger," "The Search Is Over," "High On You," "Burning Heart," "I Can't Hold Back,"* and *"L.A. Goodbye,"* to name a few. Jim Peterik has also written hits for and with a variety of other major artists, including .38 Special, Sammy Hagar, Brian Wilson, Chase, Blackhawk, Lynryrd Skynyrd and REO Speedwagon.

Along with continuing to tour and make new recordings with *The Ides of March*, Peterik records and performs with two other diverse groups -- *Pride of Lions* (melodic rock) and *Lifeforce* (jazz rock) -- while continuing to write songs on a daily basis.

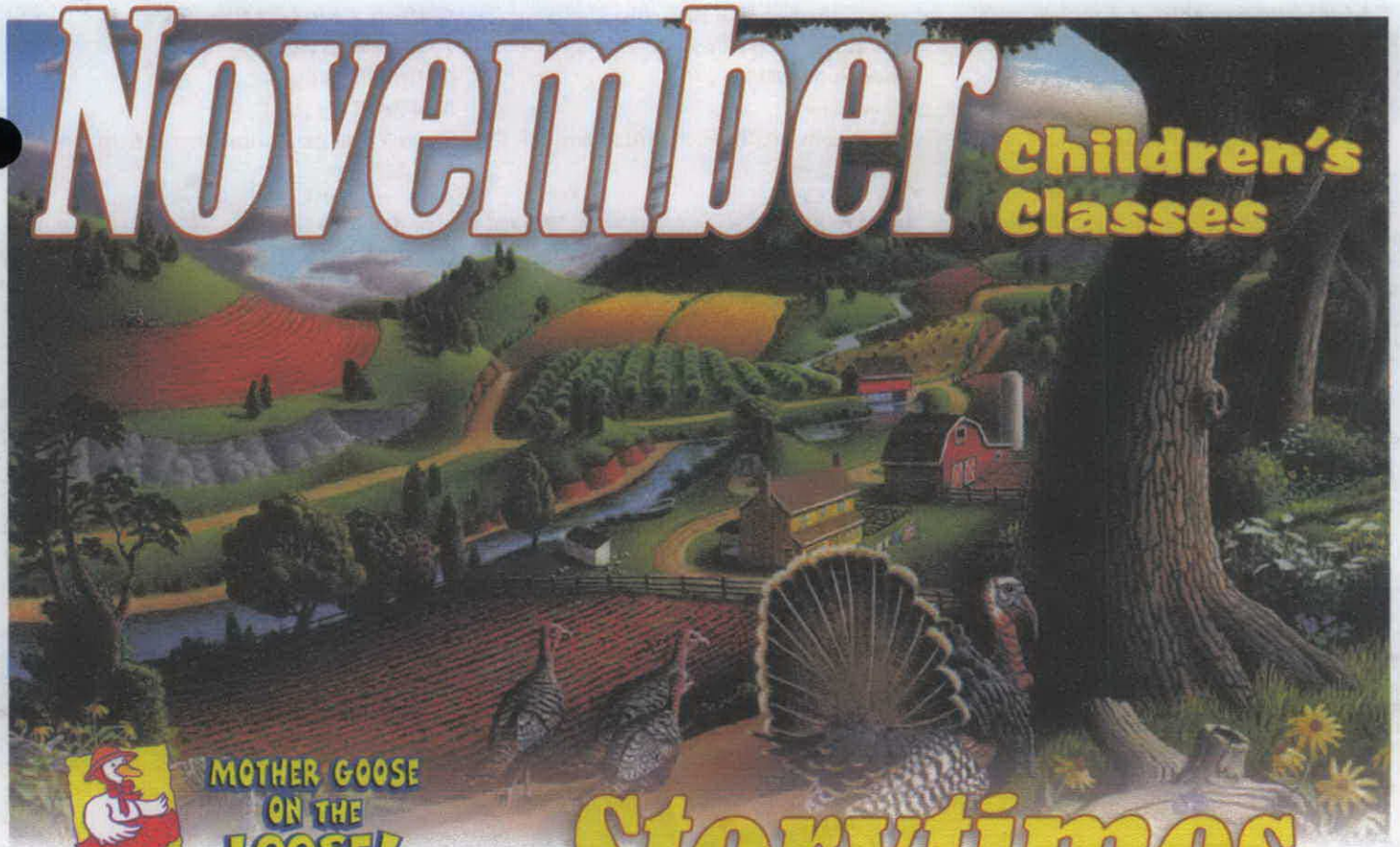
Jim Peterik co-authored *"Songwriting for Dummies"* (2002) with Dave Austin and Mary Ellen Bickford. His latest book is his autobiography, *"Through The Eye Of The Tiger"* (2014), co-written with Lisa Torem for BenBella Books.

Mr. Peterik will do a book signing of *"Through The Eye Of The Tiger"* following his speaking engagement.

The cost is $20. ***Reservations*** are required as the evening includes tastings of White Sangria and Hors d'Oeuvres. For more information or to make a reservation, call 219-769-3541, ext. 315.

The Library's Mission: The purpose of the Lake County Public Library is to provide the highest quality informational, educational, cultural, and recreational resources and services to residents of all ages in the Lake County Public Library district.

November Children's Classes



MOTHER GOOSE ON THE LOOSE!

Storytimes

Birth-23 mo. and a caregiver

This 30 minute lapsit program uses songs, rhymes, and finger plays to encourage interaction and foster language development and motor skills.

Cedar Lake Branch:
1st & 3rd Friday 10:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m.

Dyer-Schererville Branch
2nd & 3rd Monday 10:30 a.m.
or 2nd & 3rd Tuesday 10:30 a.m.

Griffith-Calumet Twp. Branch
2nd Wednesday 10:30 a.m.

Highland Branch:
1st & 3rd Tuesday 6:30 a.m.
1st & 3rd Wednesday 10:30 a.m.

Hobart Branch
1st & 3rd Wednesday 10:30 a.m.

Lake Station-New Chicago
2nd Friday 10:30 a.m.

Merrillville Branch
1st & 3rd Monday 10 a.m.

Munster Branch
2nd & 4th Wednesday 10:30 a.m.

St. John Branch:
2nd Thursday 10:15 a.m.

2-3 Year Olds

This 45 minute program is filled with stories, songs, and finger plays, and a craft.

(Caregivers must be present during program.)

Cedar Lake Branch:
2nd Thursday 10:30 a.m.

Dyer-Schererville Branch
2nd & 3rd Wed. 10:15 a.m., 11:15 a.m.

Griffith-Calumet Twp. Branch
1st & 3rd Wednesday 10:30 a.m.

Highland Branch:
2nd & 4th Monday 10:30 a.m.

Hobart Branch
1st Friday 10:30 a.m.
2nd & 4th Monday 10:30 a.m.

Lake Station-New Chicago
3rd Tuesday 10:30 a.m.

Merrillville Branch
2nd & 4th Tuesday 10 a.m.

Munster Branch
2nd & 4th Monday 10:30 a.m. & 1:30 p.m.

St. John Branch:
1st & 3rd Tues. 10:15 a.m., 11:15 a.m.

4-5 Year Olds

This hour program is filled with stories, songs, finger plays, and a craft.

Cedar Lake Branch:
1st & 3rd Tuesday 10:30 a.m., 1 p.m.

Dyer-Schererville Branch
2nd & 3rd Monday 1:30 p.m.
2nd & 3rd Tuesday 1:30 p.m.

Griffith-Calumet Twp Branch
1st & 3rd Tuesday 1:00 p.m.

Highland Branch:
2nd & 4th Wednesday 10:30 a.m.

Hobart Branch
1st & 3rd Monday 1:30 p.m.

Merrillville Branch
2nd & 4th Tuesday 11 a.m.

Munster Branch
1st & 3rd Tues. 10:30 a.m. & 1:30 p.m.

St. John Branch:
2nd & 4th Tuesday 10:30 a.m.
2nd & 4th Friday 10:30 a.m.

Cedar Lake Branch

10010 W. 133rd Avenue
Cedar Lake, IN 46303
374-7121
www.lcplin.org/branches/cl.htm

Learning & More @The Library
November 2 to 30 — **All Day**

All month long enjoy early literacy activities, along with crafts and more for all ages during library open hours.

'Paws' for Reading & Fun
Wednesday, Nov. 4 — **5 p.m.**

Children of all ages and reading levels can read library books to licensed therapy dogs. Preschoolers must be accompanied by an adult.

LEGO Mania
Thursday, Nov. 5 — **4 p.m.**

Children through grade 6 will make and display their own LEGO structures made with library LEGO bricks. Preschoolers must be accompanied by an adult. Snacks served.

STEAM Friday!
Friday, Nov. 6 — **All Day**

Using Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math, children will experiment, design, build, compute, and craft during library open hours in this month's theme: the science of eating, food, and more.

Book Week Party
Saturday, Nov. 14 — **10 a.m. - Noon**

Children of all ages are invited to join in the festivities for National Book Week.

Holiday Magic
Monday, Nov. 30 — **6:30 p.m.**

Children will celebrate the beginning of the holiday season with stories, and crafting an ornament for the library tree.

Dyer-Schererville Branch

1001 W. Lincoln Highway
Schererville, IN 46375
322-4731
www.lcplin.org/branches/ds.htm

Kids Art Club
Tuesday, Nov. 3 — **4:30 p.m.**

Children, 7 to 12 years of age, will learn some art history and appreciation and create some artwork of their very own.

Dynamite DUPLOs
Wednesday, Nov. 4 — **10:30 a.m.**

This 30 minute program is for young children 2 to 5 years of age accompanied by a caregiver, that includes simple patterning and building activities.

LEGO Club
Thursday, Nov. 5 — **4:30 p.m.**

Children in kindergarten to grade 6 will use their imagination to build unique projects with the library's LEGO bricks.

Power Paws for Kids
Saturday, Nov. 21 — **11 a.m.**

Children of all ages can read a library book to one of the registered Delta Society pet partner dogs (accompanied by their trainers). Registration is not required.

Art Club for Home Schooled
Wednesday, Nov. 25 — **10:30 a.m.**

Children, 7 to 12 years of age, will learn some art history and appreciation and create some artwork of their very own.

Griffith-Calumet Branch

1215 E. 45th Avenue
Griffith, IN 46319
838-2825
www.lcplin.org/branches/gr.htm

Autumn Art Club
Monday, Nov. 2 — **6 p.m.**

School age kids (kindergarten to grade 5) will create a fun autumn project and learn something new about art.

LEGO Mania
Monday, Nov. 9 — **4 p.m.**

Children in kindergarten through grade 5 will build with the library's LEGO blocks.

How Do Dinosaurs Read a Book?
Thursday,Nov. 12 — **4 p.m.**

To celebrate Children's Book Week, children in kindergarten to grade 5, will listen to the stories of Jane Yolen's *How Do Dinosaurs series* and make a dinosaur craft.

Power Paws for Kids
Monday, Nov. 16 — **6 p.m.**

Children of all ages and reading levels will have fun reading to Power Paws for Kids therapy dogs. *Registration is not required.*

Fall Family Story Time
Tuesday, Nov. 17 — **6 p.m.**

Families are invited for a story time with fall books, music, and a craft.

***Star Wars: The Force Awakens* Day**
Saturday, Nov. 21 — **1:30-3:30 p.m.**

Children of all ages will enjoy all things *Star Wars* to celebrate the upcoming film *The Force Awakens.*

Our Heroes' Tree
Monday, Nov. 23 — **3 p.m.**

Everyone is welcome to celebrate our veterans and active service men and women with guest speakers, readings from the book *Our Heroes' Tree,* crafting ornaments for our holiday tree, and refreshments.

Registration required for all programs by phone or online except where noted.

Highland Branch

2841 Jewett Street
Highland, IN 46322
838-2394
www.lcplin.org/branches/hi.htm

Power Paws for Kids
Saturday, Nov. 7 **11 a.m.**
Children of all ages will have the opportunity to read aloud to a Power Paws service dog. *Registration is not required.*

Family Story Hour
Tuesdays, Nov. 10 & 24 **6:30 p.m.**
Families with children 3 to 6 years of age will enjoy stories, fingerplays, music, and a craft.

LEGO Club
Wednesday, Nov. 11 **3:30 p.m.**
School age children (completed kindergarten to grade 6) will free build with library LEGO blocks or build the 'challenge' project. Parents of children 2nd grade and younger should plan to stay with their child.

LCPL's Children's Book Week Book Walk
Saturday, Nov. 14 **2 p.m.**
Children of all ages are invited to celebrate Children's Book Week with a Book Walk (similar to a cake walk but with books for prizes). *Registration is not required.*

Hobart Branch

100 Main Street
Hobart, IN 46342
942-2243
www.lcplin.org/branches/ho.htm

LEGO Night
Tuesday, Nov. 3 **6 p.m.**
Children in kindergarten to grade 6 will use their imagination to create structures using LEGO brings.

Greyt Readers
Wednesday, Nov. 11 **6 p.m.**
Children of all ages can read a favorite book to the dogs to celebrate Children's Book Week. Greyhounds will be provided by American Greyhound. *Registration is not required.*

Autumn Crafting
Tuesday, Nov. 17 **6 p.m.**
Students in kindergarten through grade 6 will make a seasonal craft and hear a story.

Lake Station-New Chicago

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Lake Station, IN 46405
962-2409
www.lcplin.org/branches/lsnc.htm

Thanksgiving Tree
Wednesday, Nov. 4 **6 p.m.**
Children in kindergarten and up will hear a story and make a Thanksgiving tree. Refreshments will be served.

Super 'Tweens Crochet
Wednesday, Nov. 11 **6 p.m.**
'Tweens (9 to 13) will crochet with our crochet needles or can bring their own. We also have knitting looms and yarn on hand. Refreshments will be served.

Family Crafting
Tuesday, Nov. 17 **6 p.m.**
All members of the family are invited to make a turkey-themed candy holder. All materials provided.

Evening Pajama Movie
Wednesday, Nov. 18 **6 p.m.**
Children of all ages, along with their families, can wear pajamas, bring a sleeping bag and view *Inside Out*; rated PG, run time 94 minutes.

It's LEGO Night
Thursday, Nov. 19 **6 p.m.**
Children, preschool and up, will create their own LEGO designs. Refreshments will be served.

Merrillville Branch

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769-3541, Ext. 360
www.lcplin.org/branches/cnl.htm

Craft Table for Children
November 1 to 30 **All Day**
Children of all ages are welcome to make a craft at the craft table during library open hours.

Board Game Fun
Wednesday, Nov. 4 **6 p.m.**
Children in kindergarten to grade 5 will meet to play fun board games. Family members are welcome to join in.

Saturday Stories
Saturdays, Nov. 7 & 21 **11 a.m.**
Children of all ages are invited to Saturday sessions of stories, songs, and finger plays. *Registration is not required.*

LEGO Club
Tuesday, Nov. 10 **4 p.m.**
Children in kindergarten through grade 5 will have fun making their own unique LEGO structures.

Library Scavenger Hunt
Thursday, Nov. 12 **3 – 8 p.m.**
Children in kindergarten to grade 5 can drop in, pick up a direction sheet, and participate in a scavenger hunt.

Gaming Night
Wednesday, Nov. 18 **6 p.m.**
Children in kindergarten to grade 5 are invited to play *Wii, PlayStation* 2, and board games. Snacks served.

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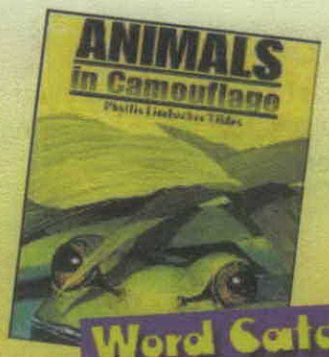

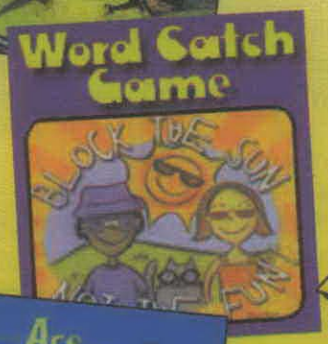

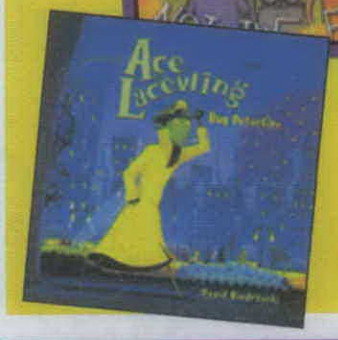

Munster Branch

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Power Paws for Reading
Thursday, Nov. 5 — **6 p.m.**
Children of all ages and all reading levels will enjoy reading to Power Paws service dogs hosted by the Power Paws for Kids organization.

Chess Club
Fridays, Nov. 6, 13 & 27 — **3 p.m.**
All levels of experience are welcome to play chess at the library with program facilitator Jeffrey Graves.

LCPL Children's Book Week
Mon.-Sat., Nov. 9-14 — **All Day**
To commemorate Children's Book Week, any child that turns in a book review or drawing of their favorite book will receive one free book. *Registration is not required.*

LEGO Building
Thursday, Nov. 12 — **5:30 – 7 p.m.**
Young LEGO enthusiasts, kindergarten and up, are invited to stop by for some creative building time with other kids to construct with LEGO blocks.

Fall Family Movie Break
Friday, Nov. 27 — **1 p.m.**
Children of all ages, along with their families, are welcome to view *Inside Out*; rated PG, run time 94 minutes. *Registration is not required.*

St. John Branch

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365-5379
www.lcplin.org/branches/sj.htm

Craft Table for Children
November 2 to 30 — **All Day**
Children of all ages are welcome to make a fun craft during library open hours. Ask at the desk for a craft bag.

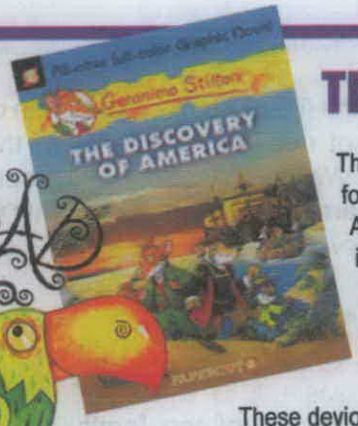
It's Your Story!
Thursday, Nov. 5 — **4:30 p.m.**
Children in kindergarten through grade 5 will play silly word games, make their own books, and win fun book prizes.

LCPL's Children's Book Week
Family Story Time
Monday, Nov. 9 — **6:30 p.m.**
Children and their families will enjoy stories, crafts, and other activities.

International Games Day
Saturday, Nov. 21 — **11 a.m.**
Board games, card games, group games! Children of all ages will celebrate the 8th annual International Games Day @ Your Library.

LEGO Free-Build
Tuesday, Nov. 24 — **4:30 p.m.**
Children in kindergarten through grade 5 will build LEGO structures using the library's LEGO blocks.

Power Paws for Kids
Saturday, Nov. 28 — **11 a.m.**
Children of all ages and all reading levels will enjoy reading library books to the Power Paws service dogs.



The Discovery of America

The popular children's story appears in graphic novel form for the first time in the U.S., with stories never seen in America. Geronimo Stilton is a talking mouse who lives in New Mouse City on Mouse Island with his friends and relatives. He works at The Rodent's Gazette, the most famous newspaper in New Mouse City. In this series of comics, Geronimo Stilton travels through time in order to defend history from his arch nemeses, the Pirate Cats. These devious felines plan to travel back in time in order to change history to make them supreme rulers of Mouse Island! In his first time-traveling adventure, Geronimo and co. join Christopher Columbus on his voyage from Italy to America in 1492 in order to stop the Pirate cats and save all of the mice on Mouse Island.

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Library Happenings

December 2015

There is something about this time of year that brings out the best in people. Smiles, good cheer, and camaraderie are abundant wherever people gather. Beautiful decorations, gift-giving and the smells of homemade food help to create a warm ambiance that keeps the winter cold at bay. This is a great time of the year to share gratitude and appreciation by giving to others something personal that they could cherish through the long winter and beyond.

Greeting cards are a great way to keep up with friends and family. Make it personal by trying your hand at calligraphy and create your own greeting cards. Peter Taylor's book *Calligraphy for Greeting Cards and Scrapbooking* will walk you through the steps to create your masterpiece. Do you like to knit? Sarah Hatton's book *Scarves, Shrugs, and Shawls* has a variety of ideas to knit the perfect gift. If you haven't knitted before, then *Knitting for Dummies* will explain in detail all the tricks of the trade. Some other ideas for personalized gifts could include jewelry making, paper crafts, or ornaments. There is no limit what you could create.

If crafting isn't your thing, how about reaching for your oven mitts and a great cookbook such as the *Gooseberry Patch* cookbooks which are filled with simple, wonderful cooking ideas that are sure to please even the pickiest eater. If you plan on entertaining this holiday season, then you cannot go wrong with a few Martha Stewart cookbooks and entertainment guides. She has an arsenal of inspiring quick and easy ideas to make entertaining special. Don't forget that holiday cooking is not just for grown-ups.

Author Susan Katzman's book *Holiday Cooking with Kids* encourages children of all ages to get excited about cooking. What a great way to bring the family together! Many other great recipes and entertaining ideas could be found in the cookbook section within your local library.

Decorating ideas are a great way to show off your holiday spirit. Decorations from ornaments to centerpieces will spruce-up any living space. *Creatively Christmas: Inspired Yuletide Decor* by Jennifer Rizzo provides chapters that will focus on a different area of the home. *The Holiday Motif Collection: Embroidery Projects and Designs to Celebrate the Season* by Aimee Ray will give any home a warm, cozy feel.

With all the hustle and bustle of the season, don't forget to take a little time out for yourself by enjoying one of the many holiday-themed books on display. Many popular authors have seasonal books ready to be devoured. Try *A Seaside Christmas* by Sherryl Woods, *Christmas in Snowflake Canyon* by Rae Anne Thayne or the seasonal thriller *The Midnight Before Christmas* by William Bernhardt. If the weather is keeping you inside, try browsing our e-book collection at www.lcplin.org for a fast and easy way to access your reading material.

Whether you are searching for special recipes, crafts, decorating ideas, or that perfect book to curl up with, the Lake County Public Library has a great collection to fulfill your needs. Our friendly staff is available to help you search for that perfect book.

Cindy Childress
Reference Librarian

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Branch Library Happenings

Cedar Lake Branch

10010 E. 133rd Ave., Cedar Lake, IN 46303
374-7121
www.lcplin.org/branches/cl.htm

Book Lovers Ornaments & More
Wednesday, Dec. 2 — 2-3:30 p.m.
Re-purpose old books and magazines into beautiful new holiday décor. All supplies will be on hand.

Candy Creations
Saturday, Dec. 5 — 1-2:30 p.m.
In this culinary class, adults will make candy treats. All supplies will be on hand.

Snack & Plan
Monday, Dec. 7 — 4 p.m.
Members of Teen Advisory Board, and those wishing to join, earn volunteer hours, while eating, playing games, and planning future events.

Crochet @ Your Library
Mondays, Dec. 7 & 21 — 7 p.m.
Learn beginning stitches while working on a simple project. Bring a skein of cotton yarn and a size H crochet hook.

Knitting @ Your Library
Monday, Dec. 7 — 7 p.m.
Both beginning and experienced knitters will receive instructions, Bring size 7 knitting needles and cotton yarn.

History on the Big Screen
Tuesday, Dec. 8 — 2 p.m.
Travel through history via the library's big screen commemorating Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day.

Crafty Creations
Wednesday, Dec. 8 & Thursday, Dec. 9 — 4 p.m.
Teens will create sweet treats, D I Y gifts, and more, including zombie gingerbread. All materials provided.

Books & Chat
Wednesday, Dec. 16 — 6:30 p.m.
Readers will discuss *The Story of Beautiful Girl* by Rachel Simon.

Sensational Science
Thursday, Dec. 17 — 4 p.m.
Teens will experiment, play, build, and compute with sensational projects.

Travel the World without Leaving Home
Tuesday, Dec. 22 — 2 p.m.
Enjoy arm chair travel via the library's big screen on this virtual trip of interesting sites in Japan.

Dyer-Schererville Branch

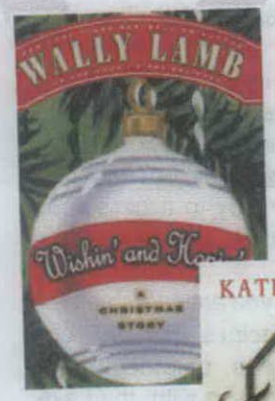
1001 W. Lincoln Hwy., Schererville, IN 46375
322-4731
www.lcplin.org/branches/ds.htm

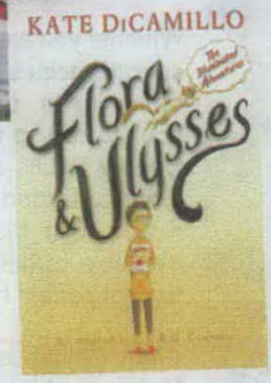
Personalized Reading Suggestions
December 1-31
By Appointment
Call to schedule an appointment with a reader's adviser and start building your 'to read' list.

Wrapped Reads
December 1-31 — All Day
Check out a package of wrapped library books and enjoy the books until January 5.

Online!

December 1 to 31





BOOKreMARKS Online

This is a month-long, online book discussion available to anyone, anywhere, at any time of day through email of: *Wishin' and Hopin'* by Wally Lamb.

This holiday tale focuses on a feisty parochial school fifth grader named Felix Funicello. Both poignant and hilarious, the book transports us back to 1964 when 'Meet the Beatles' was on everyone's turntable, and Christmas meant mistletoe, mangers, and midnight mass. From there the reader is propelled to the present to measure what we've gained and what we've lost in the holiday season.

To join the discussion send an email to remarks@lcplin.org.

Online Book Discussion for Teens

Teens can participate in this month-long, online book discussion available at any time of day from anywhere of the novel: *Flora and Ulysses* by Kate DiCamillo. Rescuing a squirrel after a vacuum cleaner accident, comic-reading cynic, Flora Belle Buckman, is astonished when the squirrel, Ulysses, demonstrates astonishing powers of strength and flight.

To join email teenreads@lcplin.org. Call 219-769-3541 Ext. 335 for more information.

AARP Smart Driver Course
Tuesday, Dec. 1 11 a.m.-3 p.m.
Learn defensive driving techniques, safety strategies, and new traffic laws. $15 fee for AARP members, $20 fee for non-members. Call Jeanette Pike of AARP to register at 219-949-6307.

Computer Class: Navigating the Net
Wednesday, Dec. 2 or
Tuesday, Dec. 8 2-3:30 p.m.
Learn how to use the Internet safely and effectively to locate information for work and play.

Between the Lines
Wednesday, Dec. 2 7 p.m.
or Thursday, Dec. 10 10:15 a.m.
The Beginner's Goodbye by Anne Tyler, is a novel about grief, healing, and the transcendent power of love. *Registration not required.*

Computer Class: Basic Windows
Thursday, Dec. 3 or
Wednesday, Dec. 9 2-3:30 p.m.
Learn computer terminology and how to use different programs on the computer.

Create an Artful Life
Saturday, Dec. 5 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.
Adults will work with acrylics and canvas with the assistance of a professional instructor. There is a $15 cash fee due at the time of class.

Independent Foreign Film
Tuesday, Dec. 7 1 p.m.
The Lesson is the story of desperate acts taken by a mother to keep her family stable. In Bulgarian with English subtitles. Not rated; adults only; 104 minutes run time.

Stamp Class
Tuesday, Dec. 8 6:30 p.m.
With professional assistance work on projects created with rubber stamps, ink, and designer paper. There is a $5 fee due at the time of class.

Teen Advisory Board
Wednesday, Dec. 9 6:30 p.m.
Teens are invited to an evening of food, fun, and book wrapping as we wrap up the year and plan for the next! *Registration is not necessary*

Teens Use the Force – Celebrate Star Wars
Tuesday, Dec. 15 6:30-8 p.m.
Padawan teens (11-17) can sign up for an evening of Star Wars crafts and Jedi training. Teens must bring a set of thick gloves - you'll find out why!

Virtual Tourist
Wednesday, Dec. 16 7 p.m.
Journey to Switzerland via the library's cinematic screen

Keep Calm & Color On
Monday, Dec. 21 12:30 p.m. & 6 p.m.
Adults are invited to drop in for the quiet tranquility and stress relief of coloring. A variety of designs and colored pencils provided. *Registration is not necessary*

Griffith-Calumet Twshp. Branch

1215 E. 45th Ave., Griffith, IN 46319
838-2825
www.lcplin.org/branches/gr.htm

Paper Creations
Tuesday, Dec. 1 1 p.m.
With professional assistance, design personalized cards and more. There is a $5 fee due at the time of class.

StoryLovers Book Group
Tuesday, Dec. 1 7 p.m.
or Wednesday, Dec. 2 10:30 a.m.
Read to discuss *The Shepherd, The Angel, & Walter The Christmas Miracle Dog* by Pulitzer Prize-winning humorist Dave Barry. *Registration not required.*

Scrabble Night
Thursday, Dec. 3 6-8 p.m.
Folks of all ages are invited to a fun evening of Scrabble. *Registration not required.*

Saturday Scrappers
Saturday, Dec. 5 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Join this scrap book gathering to chat while working on your own projects. *Registration not required.*

Create an Artful Life
Monday, Dec. 7 3-5 p.m.
Adults will work with acrylics and canvas with the assistance of a professional instructor. There is a $15 cash fee due at the time of class.

The Joy of Coloring
Tuesday, Dec. 8 2 & 6:30 p.m.
Adults can relax during the busy holiday season by stopping in for coffee, tea, light refreshments, and coloring! *No talent or registration needed!*

Teens & 'Tweens: Color Me Happy
Friday, Dec. 11 4 p.m.
Teens and 'Tweens are welcome to kick back, enjoy creative coloring and light refreshments. *Registration not required.*

Mystery Loves Co. Discussion
Monday, Dec. 14 1 p.m.
Read to discuss the mystery *Dashing Through The Snow* by Mary Higgins Clark. *Registration not required.*

Paper Roses
Monday, Dec. 14 2 or 6 p.m.
By popular request – learn to make the paper roses you've seen at our circulation desk. *Registration not required.*

Movie Wednesday
Wednesday, Dec. 16 2 p.m.
View this sequel to *Pitch Perfect* starring Anna Kendrick, Rebel Wilson, and Hailee Steinfeld. Rated PG-13, 114 minutes run time. *Registration not required.*

Graphic Novel Book Club
Thursday, Dec. 17 5:30 p.m.
Teen fans of graphic novels are welcomed to discuss the *Graphic Classic O'Henry*. *Registration not required.*

Teen Anime Club
Thursday, Dec. 17 6:30 p.m.
Teens will watch an episode of a popular new series; rated TV-13. Snacks provided. *Registration not required.*

Teen & 'Tween Holiday Movie
Saturday, Dec. 19 1 p.m.
Starring Will Farrell, *Elf*, is a holiday movie comedy rated PG, run time 95 minutes. *Registration not required.*

Time to Travel Film
Wednesday, Dec. 23 2 p.m.
Travel to the Bulgarian Riviera on the Black Sea. *Registration not required.*

Winter Saturday Movie
Saturday, Dec. 26 2 p.m.
The action packed film *San Andreas* stars Dwayne Johnson. Rated PG-13, run time 114 minutes. *Registration not required.*

Moon Called Book Discussion
Monday, Dec. 28 6:30 p.m.
Readers of urban & horror fantasy, and paranormal fiction & romance are invited to a discussion of *Silver* by Rhianna Held.

Branch Library Happenings

Highland Branch

2841 Jewett St., Highland, IN 46322
838-2394
www.lcplin.org/branches/hi.htm

History on Film
Monday, Dec. 7 — 2 & 6:30 p.m.
View the professional life of Meryl Streep, considered to be one of the greatest living film actresses working today! *Registration not required.*

Teen Anime Club
Tuesday, Dec. 8 — 6 p.m.
Teens will view Chi's Sweet Home. Registration not required.

Teen Advisory Board
Wednesday, Dec. 16 — 3:45 p.m.
Snacks will be served and plans will be made by teens for upcoming projects. *Registration not required.*

Stamp Camp
Wednesday, Dec. 16 — 6:30 p.m.
With professional assistance, adults will design customized greeting cards and more. There is a $5 fee due at the time of class.

Teen Card Games MASHUP
Thursday, Dec. 17 — 3:45 p.m.
Teens can bring their cards and match their wits (and decks) against other gamers, and can learn to play *Munchkin*. *Registration not required.*

Travel Film
Monday, Dec. 21 — 2 & 6:30 p.m.
Take this breathtaking virtual tour of Crete, the largest of the Greek islands. *Registration not required.*

Ask Me! Employment Resources
Monday, Dec. 21 — 2 p.m.
Librarians are prepared to help research jobs, organize a resume, introduce online job searching, set up free email accounts and answer your specific job questions at this one-on-one walk-in session. *Registration not required.*

Let it Snow
Tuesday, Dec. 22 — 6:30 p.m.
The Marshmallow Guild provides festive tunes in this musical program. Light refreshments provided. *Registration not required.*

Teen Winter Gaming Marathon
Wednesday, Dec. 23 — 1:30-4 p.m.
Teens can play on PlayStation 2, *Wii*, bring their *Magic & Pokemon* decks, try out *Munchkin* or *Superhero Throwdown* games. *Registration not required.*

Classic/Feature Film
Monday, Dec. 28 — 2 & 6 p.m.
Fred Astaire and Big Crosby star in *Holiday Inn*. Not rated, 101 minutes run time; circa 1942. *Registration not required.*

Hobart Branch

100 N. Main St., Hobart, IN 46342
942-2243
www.lcplin.org/branches/ho.htm

Travel to Kansas
Wednesday, Dec. 2 — 2 p.m.
Learn how Cessna made Kansas the world capitol of private aircraft manufacturing.

Computer Class – Androids
Saturday, Dec. 5 — 3 p.m.
Bring your android device (phone, tablet) and we will assist you with using it.

Teen Advisory Board Meeting
Monday, Dec. 7 — 4 p.m.
Teens (12 years of age and up) will plan future programs, talk about books, and earn volunteer hours. *Registration not required.*

Book to Movie Matinee
Tuesday, Dec. 8 — 2 p.m.
The Notebook is a romantic treat featuring Ryan Gosling, Rachel Adams, James Garner, and Gena Rowlands. Rated PG-13, 124 minutes run time.

Teen Duct Tape Fun
Wednesday, Dec. 9 — 7 p.m.
Teens will learn how to make duct tape wallets with a variety of duct tape patterns.

Getting Started on Pinterest
Friday, Dec. 11 — 10:30 a.m.
Learn all about this pinboard-style photo sharing website. Your mobile device, an email address, and basic internet knowledge required.

Computer Class: OverDrive
Saturday, Dec. 12 — 3 p.m.
Bring your laptop or mobile device and learn the basics of how to create an OverDrive account to download books and audio books from the library.

Contemporary Book Club
Tuesday, Dec. 15 — 10:30 a.m.
Read to discuss *The Supremes at Earl's All-You-Can-Eat* by Edward Kelsey Moore.

Adult Coloring Circle
Wednesday, Dec. 16 — 6 p.m.
Wednesday, Dec. 23 — 3 p.m.
Drop in for the quiet tranquility and stress relief of coloring with designs and color pencils provided. *Registration not required.*

Getting Started with Zinio Magazines
Wednesday, Dec. 16 — 6 p.m.
Bring your mobile device or laptop and learn how to get unlimited magazines free from the library.

Computer Class: iPad Help
Saturday, Dec. 19 — 3 p.m.
Bring your iPad and we can assist you with using it effectively.

Lake Station-New Chicago

2007 Central Avenue, Lake Station, IN 46405
962-2409
www.lcplin.org/branches/lsnc.htm

Computer Class: Intro to eBooks
Wednesday, Dec. 2 — 2 p.m.
Adults will learn how to use and request and download library eBooks.

English as a Second Language Classes
Mon. & Wed., Dec. 2 to 30 — 5-8 p.m.
Neighbors' Educational Opportunities offers English language classes, free of charge. To register call 219-850-4448 or visit www.neoadulted.org.

Book Chat
Thursday, Dec. 3 — 10:30 a.m.
Check out *Finn & Lady* by Cathleen Schine, read, have an opinion, munch snacks.

Computer Class: Navigating the Net
Tuesday, Dec. 8 — 10:30 a.m.
Beginners will learn how to find information on the Internet using Google and Yahoo.

Teen Council
Tuesday, Dec. 8 — 5 p.m.
Teens are invited to help plan teen programs. *Registration not required.*

Coffee, Donuts & Movie
Wednesday, December 9 — 10:30 a.m.
It's A Wonderful Life is a holiday classic featuring Jimmy Stewart and Donna Reed. *Registration not required.*

Registration required for all programs by phone or online except where noted.

Movie Wednesday
Wednesday, Dec. 9 2 p.m.
White Christmas is a favorite holiday musical starring Bing Crosby, Danny Kaye, Rosemary Clooney and Mary Wickes. *Registration not required.*

Family Nutrition
Friday, Dec. 11 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Purdue Family Nutrition Adviser Belinda Stepnowski will discuss a variety of food topics and demonstrate how to prepare quick, tasty, and healthy low-cost meals.

Ask Me! Employment Resources
Monday, Dec. 14 10:30 a.m.
Librarians are prepared to help research jobs, organize a resume, introduce online job searching, set up free email accounts and answer your specific job questions at this one-on-one walk-in session.

One-on-One Computer Class
Mon. or Wed., Dec. 14 or 16 2 p.m.
or Friday, Dec. 18 11 a.m.
Adults can make an appointment for a one hour session on how to use the internet, set-up free email accounts, or write a resume.

Computer Class: Email
Tuesday, Dec. 29 2 p.m.
Adults will learn how to set-up an email account and how to email.

Merrillville Branch

1919 W. 81st Ave., Merrillville, IN 46410
769-3541
www.lcplin.org/branches/cnl.htm

As Me! Employment Resources
Thursday, Dec. 3 10 a.m.
Librarians are prepared to help research jobs, organize a resume, introduce online job searching, set up free email accounts and answer your specific job questions at this one-on-one walk-in session. Ext. 212 *Registration not required.*

Friends of the Library Meeting
Tuesday, Dec. 8 1 p.m.
The Board of the Friends of Lake County Public Library has their bi-monthly meeting and all members, as well as those interested in this group, are invited to attend. Ext. 317 *Registration not required.*

Circle of Readers Book Discussion
Thursday, Dec. 10 6:15 p.m.
Readers are invited for refreshments and interesting conversation about books they liked in 2015. Ext. 364 *Registration not required.*

Teen Anime Club
Tuesday, Dec. 15 6-8 p.m.
Teens are invited to view the first three episodes of an Anime series. Snacks provided. Ext. 334 *Registration not required.*

Books to Bridge the Region Meeting
Friday, Dec. 18 9:15 a.m.
The Books to Bridge the Region group will discuss the books and options for the 2016 reading initiative. Anyone is welcome to the table. Ext. 315 *Registration not required.*

Ask Me! I Work Here!
Monday, Dec. 21 & 28 2-4 p.m.
Library staff are available to answer you questions about library materials that should work on your computer or portable device. Ext. 212 *Registration not required.*

Movie Time
Saturday, Dec. 26 1 p.m.
Starring Tom Cruise, adults are invited to view *Mission Impossible: Rogue Nation*. Rated PG-13, run time 132 minutes. Ext. 338 *Registration not required.*

Munster Branch

8701 Calumet Ave., Munster, IN 46321
836-8450
www.lcplin.org/branches/mu.htm

The Vikings
Tuesday, Dec. 1 6:30 p.m.
The Vikings, a Great Courses DVD lecture series is presented by the Nordikfolk Lodge #761 of the Vasa Order of America. This month: *From Varangians into Russians and Transformation of Scandinavian Society.*

Independent Film
Tuesday, Dec. 8 2 & 6:30 p.m.
In this film a recently orphaned, 10 year old homeless South African boy vows to make something of himself. In Zulu, English, and Hindi with English subtitles. Not rated; adults only; 104 minutes run time.

Teen Holiday Crafting
Wednesday, Dec. 9 3:30 p.m.
Teens will make a Christmas ornament. All supplies provided.

Classic Film
Monday, Dec. 14 2 p.m.
Tom Hanks and Meg Ryan star in the romantic comedy *Sleepless in Seattle*. Rated PG; 104 minutes run time.

Teen Anime Club
Tuesday, Dec. 15 3:30 p.m.
Teens are invited to watch episodes of a popular new series. Snacks provided.

Blood Pressure Screening
Thursday, Dec. 17 10 a.m. - Noon
No appointments or registration required.

Travel Film: Explore Argentina
Thursday, Dec. 17 2 & 7 p.m.
Rudy Maxa explores two of South America's most enchanting cities: Buenos Aires and Mendoza.

St. John Branch

9450 Wicker Avenue, St. John, IN 46373
365-5379
www.lcplin.org/branches/sj.htm

Travel Film Series
Tuesday, Dec. 1 2 p.m.
Journey to Peru's magical cities of Macchu Pichu, Lima, Lake Titicaca and more. Refreshments served.

Color Your Stress Away
Wednesday, Dec. 2 2-4 p.m.
Adults will spend a relaxing time relieving stress by coloring with designs and colored pencils.

Sit & Stitch
Wednesdays, Dec. 2 & 16 6:30 p.m.
Bring your crochet, knitting, or sewing project and gather with others who have a common thread.

Teen Anime Club
Monday, Dec. 7 4 p.m.
Teens will watch Tim Burton's *Nightmare Before Christmas*. Rated PG, run time 76 minutes.

Stamp Camp
Monday, Dec. 7 6:30 p.m.
Express your creativity with rubber stamps and decorative paper. There is a $5 fee due at the time of class.

Page Turners Book Club
Wednesday, Dec. 9 6:30 p.m.
Read to discuss *The Storied Life of A. J. Fikry* by Gabrielle Zevin.

Classic Film Series
Thursday, Dec. 17 2 p.m.
All are invited to watch the 1954 Christmas classic *White Christmas* starring Bing Crosby, Danny Kaye, and Rosemary Clooney. Run time 120 minutes; not rated.

We're a 24/7 Library!

Whether it's 3 AM and you need a book NOW; you prefer to do your research from a comfy armchair; or you just don't want to see people today, our 24-7 branch is here for you.

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Throughout the year Lake County Public Library receives generous donations in the form of a tribute gift. Donations are received as memorials, in honor of a special person, book from local authors, and materials from our local service organizations. We would like to thank those who have made a tribute gift from June through September of 2015.

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Richard Bessette
Bob Evans
Burger King
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Chicago White Sox
Chick-Fil-A
Chili's
Mr. and Mrs. James Colias
Susan Colias
James and Diane Costello
Culber's
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Patty Ferrell
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Thomas and Dorothy Hallissey
Cindy Hittle
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Meatheads
McDonald's
Sophie Misner
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Munster Garden Club
Oberweiss
Power Paws for Kids
Linda, Ryan, and Grand Race
Radisson Hotel Star Plaza
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Theodore Strom
Texas Roadhouse
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White Castle
Bruce Woods

The Library's Mission: The purpose of the Lake County Public Library is to provide the highest quality informational, educational, cultural, and recreational resources and services to residents of all ages in the Lake County Public Library district.

December Children's Classes

MOTHER GOOSE ON THE LOOSE!

Storytimes

Birth-23 mo. and a caregiver

This 30 minute lapsit program uses songs, rhymes, and finger plays to encourage interaction and foster language development and motor skills.

Cedar Lake Branch:
1st & 3rd Friday 10:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m.

Dyer-Schererville Branch
1st & 2nd Monday 10:30 a.m.
or 2nd & 3rd Tuesday 10:30 a.m.

Griffith-Calumet Twp. Branch
2nd Wednesday 10:30 a.m.

Highland Branch:
1st & 3rd Tuesday 6:30 a.m.
1st & 3rd Wednesday 10:30 a.m.

Hobart Branch
1st & 3rd Wednesday 10:30 a.m.

Merrillville Branch
1st & 3rd Monday 10 a.m.

Munster Branch
2nd Wednesday 10:30 a.m.

St. John Branch:
2nd Thursday 10:15 a.m.

2-3 Year Olds

This 45 minute program is filled with stories, songs, and finger plays, and a craft.

(Caregivers must be present during program.)

Cedar Lake Branch:
2nd Thursday 10:30 a.m.

Dyer-Schererville Branch
2nd & 3rd Wed. 10:15 a.m., 11:15 a.m.

Griffith-Calumet Twp. Branch
1st & 3rd Wednesday 10:30 a.m.

Highland Branch:
2nd Monday 10:30 a.m.

Hobart Branch
2nd Monday 10:30 a.m.
3rd Friday 10:30 a.m.

Merrillville Branch
2nd & 4th Tuesday 10 a.m.

Munster Branch
1st Monday 10:30 a.m. & 1:30 p.m.

St. John Branch:
1st & 3rd Tues. 10:15 a.m., 11:15 a.m.

4-5 Year Olds

This hour program is filled with stories, songs, finger plays, and a craft.

Cedar Lake Branch:
1st & 3rd Tuesday 10:30 a.m., 1 p.m.

Dyer-Schererville Branch
1st & 2nd Monday 1:30 p.m.
or 2nd & 3rd Tuesday 1:30 p.m.

Griffith-Calumet Twp Branch
1st & 3rd Tuesday 1:00 p.m.

Highland Branch:
2nd Wednesday 10:30 a.m.

Hobart Branch
1st & 4th Monday 1:30 p.m.

Merrillville Branch
2nd & 4th Tuesday 11 a.m.

Munster Branch
1st Tuesday 10:30 a.m. & 1:30 p.m.

St. John Branch:
2nd & 4th Tuesday 10:30 a.m.

Cedar Lake Branch

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Cedar Lake, IN 46303
374-7121
www.lcplin.org/branches/cl.htm

Learning & More @ the Library
December 1 to 31 — **All Day**
All month long during library open hours enjoy early literacy activities, crafts, and more for all ages.

'Paws' for Reading & Fun
Wednesday, Dec. 2 — **5 p.m.**
Children of all ages and all reading levels can read to licensed therapy dogs.

LEGO Mania
Thursday, Dec. 3 — **4 p.m.**
Children through grade 6 will make and display their own LEGO structures made with library LEGO bricks.

STEAM Fridays
Fridays, Dec. 4, 11, 18 — **All Day**
Using Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math, children will experiment, design, build, compute, and craft a new project each week.

Music! Music! Learn, Sing & Play
Tues., Dec. 29 — **10:30 a.m. or 1 p.m.**
All ages will have fun learning while we read, sing, rhyme, and play together.

Minute to Win it!
Wednesday, Dec. 30 — **2 p.m.**
Children in kindergarten to grade 5 will test their skills in a fun filled hour of "minute to win it" games and other timed activities. Snacks and prizes for all.

Dyer-Schererville Branch

1001 W. Lincoln Highway
Schererville, IN 46375
322-4731
www.lcplin.org/branches/ds.htm

Wrapped Reads
December 1-31 — **All Day**
Children can check out a package of wrapped books and enjoy through January 5, 2016...no renewals needed.

Kids Art Club
Tuesday, Dec. 1 — **4:30 p.m.**
Children ages 7 to 12 will learn art history, art appreciation, and how to draw and paint.

Holiday Party
Thursday, Dec. 17 — **4:30 p.m.**
Children, in kindergarten through 6th grade, will have fun hearing winter stories, making crafts, and playing games.

Power Paws for Kids
Saturday, Dec. 19 — **11 a.m.**
Children of all ages and all reading levels can read a library book to one of the registered Delta Society Pet Partner dogs.

Home School Art Club
Wednesday, Dec. 30 — **10:30 a.m.**
Children ages 7 to 12 will learn art appreciation, art history, and how to draw and paint.

Noon Year's Eve!
Thurs., Dec. 31 — **10:3a.m. - 12:30 p.m.**
It's a family-friendly New Year's Eve party – and no one has to miss bedtime! *Registration not required.*

Griffith-Calumet Branch

1215 E. 45th Avenue
Griffith, IN 46319
838-2825
www.lcplin.org/branches/gr.htm

Holiday Gifts & Crafts
Monday, Dec. 7 — **6 p.m.**
Kids in kindergarten to grade 5 will make a holiday gift and craft while learning something new about art.

LEGO Mania
Monday, Dec. 14 — **4 p.m.**
Children in kindergarten through grade 5 will build with the library's LEGO blocks.

Home Schooled Kids Holiday Hoopla
Friday, Dec. 18 — **10:30 a.m.**
Home schooled kids will hear Christmas, Kwanzaa and Hanukkah stories and decorate cookies.

Noon Year's Eve Party
Thursday, Dec. 31 — **11:30 a.m.**
Kids in kindergarten through grade 5 will ring in the Noon Year with stories, games, and snacks.

Highland Branch

2841 Jewett Street
Highland, IN 46322
838-2394
www.lcplin.org/branches/hi.htm

Power Paws for Kids
Saturday, Dec. 5 — **11 a.m.**
Children of all ages and all reading levels will read aloud to a Power Paws dog. *Registration is not required.*

Family Story Hour
Tuesday, Dec. 8 — **6:30 p.m.**
Families with children ages 3 to 6 years will enjoy stories, fingerplays, music, and a craft.

LEGO Club

Wednesday, Dec. 9 — **3:30 p.m.**
& Monday, Dec. 28 — **2:30 p.m.**
Children who have completed kindergarten to grade 6 are invited to free build with the library's LEGO blocks or build the 'challenge' project.

Movie Break

Tuesday, Dec. 29 — **1 p.m.**
Children are invited to see the recently released film *Inside Out*; rated PG, run time 102 minutes. *Registration is not required.*

Candy Book Bingo
Wednesday, Dec. 30 — **2 p.m.**
It's Bingo with a twist using children's book titles to play this classic family favorite with candy prizes. *Registration is not required.*

Registration required for all programs by phone or online except where noted.

Hobart Branch

100 Main Street
Hobart, IN 46342
942-2243
www.lcplin.org/branches/ho.htm

LEGO Night
Tuesday, Dec. 1 **6 p.m.**
Children in kindergarten to grade 6 will use their imagination to create structures using the library's LEGO bricks.

'Tweens
Tuesday, Dec. 8 **6 p.m.**
'Tweens, 9 to 12 years of age, will create a unique craft and discuss ideas for future programs.

Holiday Crafting

Tuesday, Dec. 15 **6 p.m.**
Children in kindergarten to grade 6 will make a holiday craft and hear a seasonal story.

Lake Station-New Chicago Branch

2007 Central Avenue
Lake Station, IN 46405
962-2409
www.lcplin.org/branches/lsnc.htm

Holiday Ornament Crafts
Wednesday, Dec. 2 **6 p.m.**
Children in kindergarten and up will hear a holiday story and make holiday ornaments. Refreshments served.

Super Tweens
Wednesday, Dec. 9 **6 p.m.**
'Tweens, ages 9 to 13, will make holiday ornaments. Refreshments served.

Holiday Family Story Time
Friday, Dec. 11 **10:15 a.m.**
Families or caregivers with children ages 5 and under are invited to participate in stories, songs, finger plays, and a simple craft.

It's LEGO Night

Thursday, Dec. 17 **6 p.m.**
Children in preschool and up are invited to create their own LEGO designs. Refreshments served.

Saturday Matinee

Saturday, Dec. 19 **1:30 p.m.**
All are invited to view the newest Minions movie. Refreshments will be served. *Registration not required.*

Merrillville Branch

1919 W. 81st Avenue
Merrillville, IN 46410
769-3541, Ext. 360
www.lcplin.org/branches/cnl.htm

Craft Table for Children
December 1 to 31 **All Day**
Children of all ages are welcome to make a craft in the children's department during library open hours.

Board Game Fun
Wednesday, Dec. 2 **6 p.m.**
Children in kindergarten to grade 5 are invited to play fun board games. Family members are welcome to join in.

Saturday Stories: Stuffed Animal Sleepover
Saturday, Dec. 5 **11 a.m.**
Children of all ages can wear their pajamas to this 30 minute session of stories, songs, and finger plays. The animals will spend a special time in the library afterwards. *Registration is not required.*

LEGO Club

Tuesday, Dec. 8 **4 p.m.**
Children in kindergarten to grade 5 will create their own unique LEGO structures. The only requirement is imagination.

Gaming Night
Wednesday, Dec. 16 **6 p.m.**
Children in kindergarten to grade 5 are invited to play *Wii, PlayStation II* and board games. Snacks provided.

A Nutcracker Party
Thursday, Dec. 17 **4 p.m.**
Children in kindergarten to grade 5 are invited to celebrate the holidays with a Nutcracker party with stories, games, and crafts.

Saturday Stories: Happy Holidays
Saturday, Dec. 19 **11 a.m.**
Children of all ages can participate in this 30 minute story time all about the holidays. *Registration is not required.*

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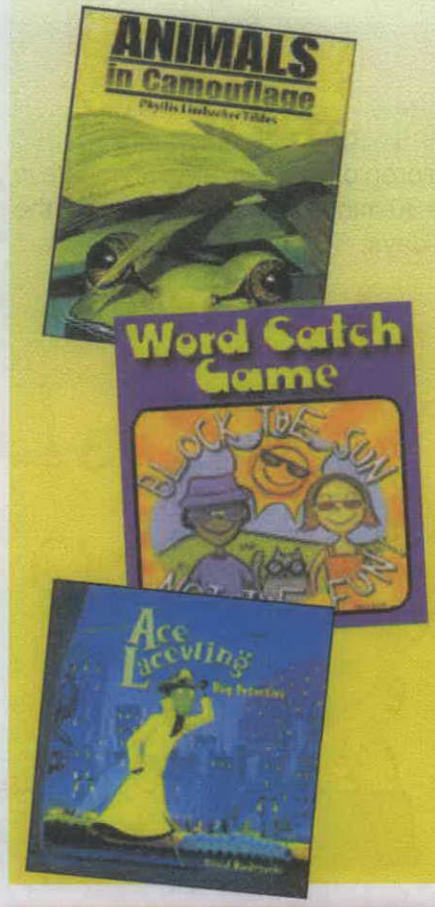


Munster Branch

8701 Calumet Avenue
Munster, IN 46321
836-8450
www.lcplin.org/branches/mu.htm

Holiday Hoopla Decorating Event

Thursday, Dec. 3 — 5:30 p.m.

Families will make holiday decorations for their home relating to Christmas, Hanukkah, Kwanzaa, and winter. *Registration not required.*

Power Paws for Reading

Thursday, Dec. 3 — 6 p.m.

Children of all ages and reading levels are matched with a dog and volunteer to practice reading.

Chess Club

Friday, Dec. 4, 11 & 18 — 3-5:30 p.m.

Children in 1st through 12 grades are invited play Chess with the assistance of facilitator Jeffrey Graves.

LEGO Building

Thursday, Dec. 10 — 5:30-7 p.m.

Young LEGO enthusiasts are invited to stop by for creative building time with other kids.

St. John Branch

9450 Wicker Avenue (US 41)
St. John, IN 46373
365-5379
www.lcplin.org/branches/sj.htm

Star Wars Extravaganza

Thursday, Dec. 3 — 4:30 p.m.

Children of all ages can celebrate this series with a variety of *Star Wars* themed activities.

Gift-Making Open House

Thursday, Dec. 10 — 3:30- 5:30 p.m.

Youngsters of all ages are invited to make Christmas crafts and participate in a variety of activities.

LEGO Free-Build

Monday, Dec. 28 — 2 p.m.

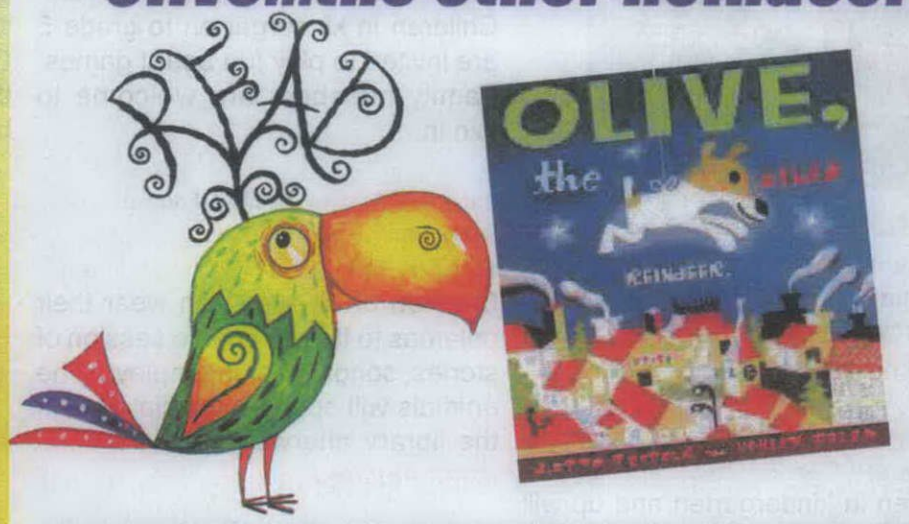
Young LEGO enthusiasts are invited to use their imagination as they build with the library's LEGO blocks.

Happy Noon Year

Thursday, Dec. 31 — 11 a.m.

Children and their families will enjoy stories, games, and other activities to count down the new year.

Olive...the other Reindeer!



Olive is merrily preparing for christmas when suddenly she realizes "Olive... the other Reindeer... I thought I was a dog. Hmmm, I must be a Reindeer!" So she quickly hops aboard the polar express and heads to the North Pole. And while Santa and the other reindeer are a bit surprised that a dog wants to join the their team, in the end Olive and her unusual reindeer skills are just what Santa and his veteran reindeer team need. Colorful graphic illustrations accompany the zany dog story from the well-known author and artist team, Vivian and J.otto Seibold. Adorable Olive and her hilarious adventures are sure to make anyone's christmas merry